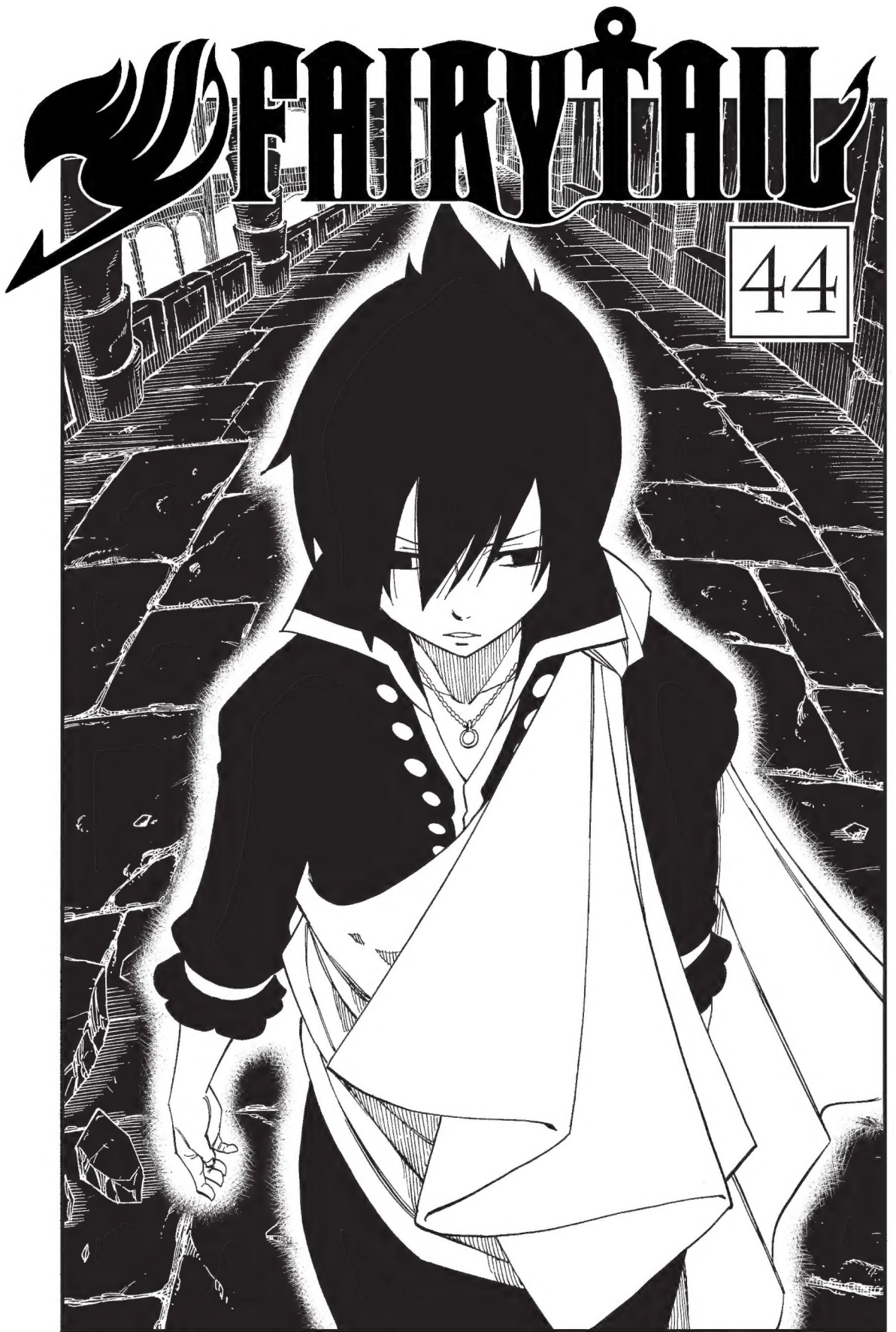


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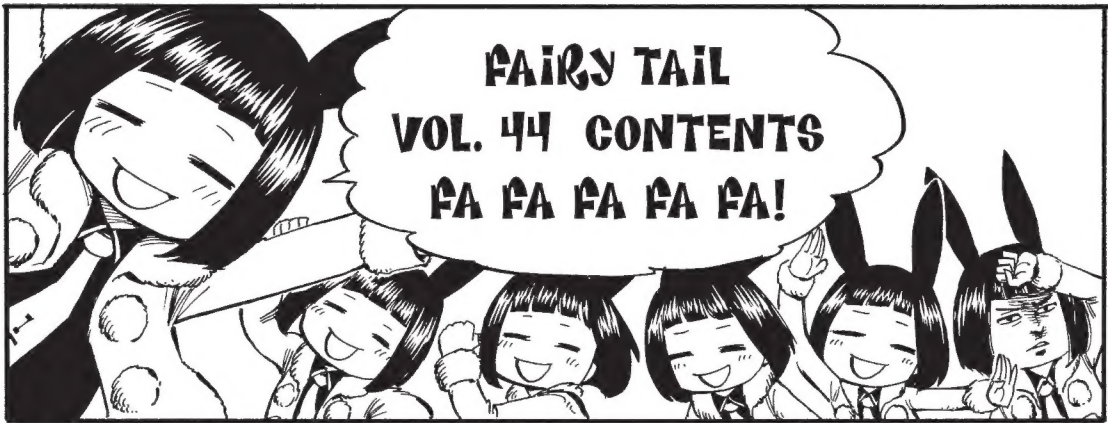
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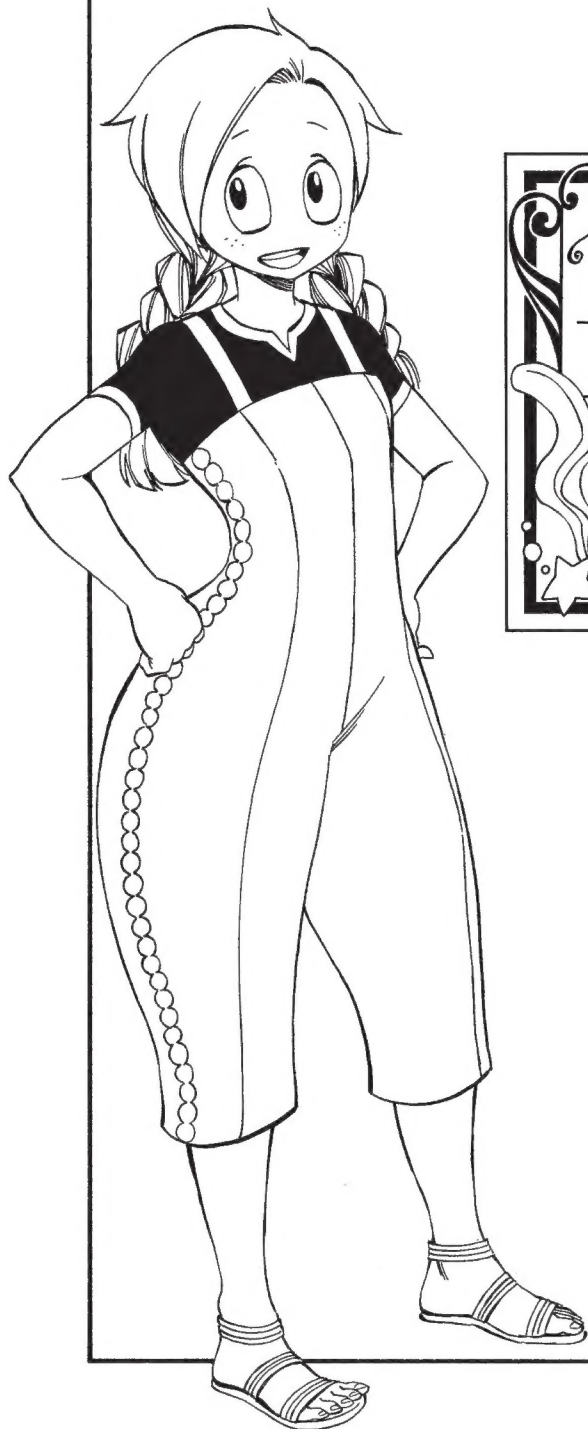
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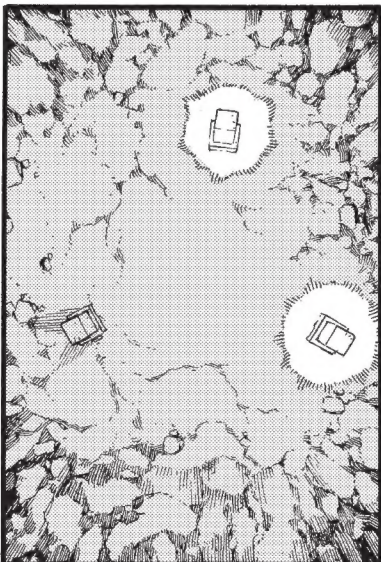
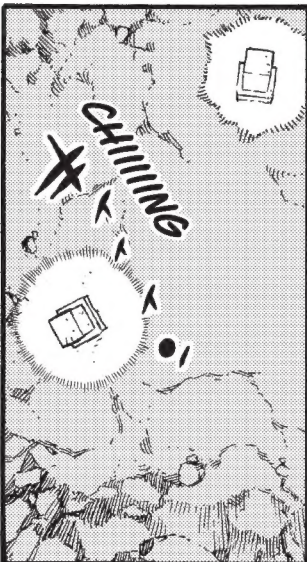
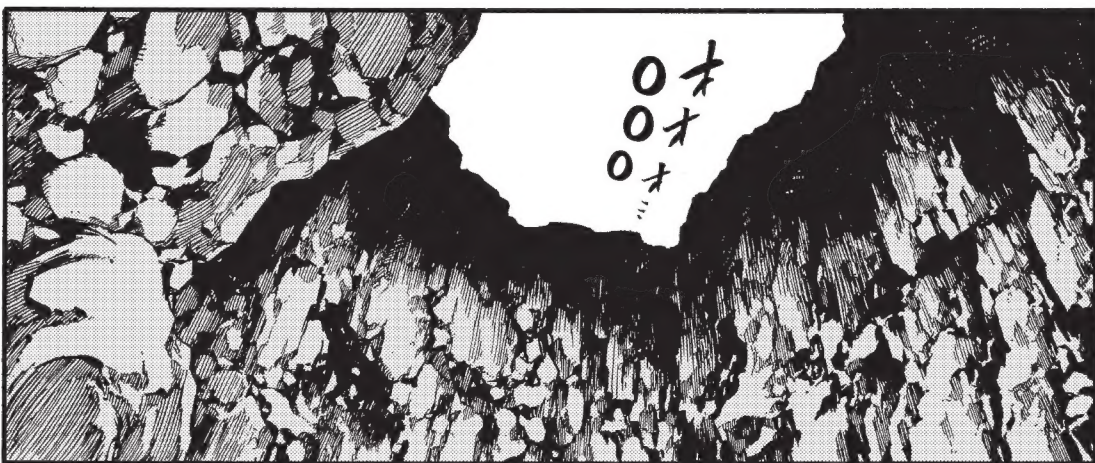
MERMAID HEEL	
Name: Beth Vanderwood	Age: 16
Magic: Vegetable Magic	
Likes: Vegetables	Dislikes: Garden pests

Remarks

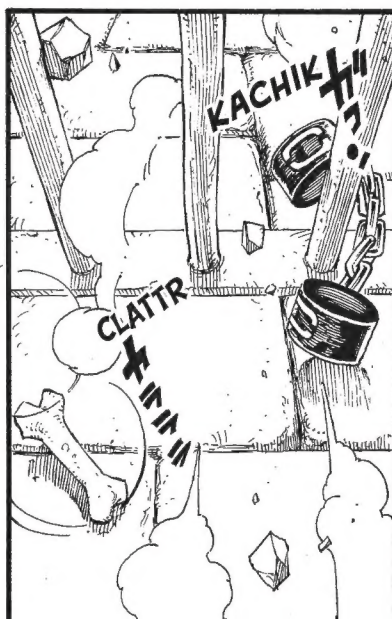
An immigrant from the western continent. She also serves as the nutritionist for Mermaid Heel. Vegetable magic is magic that makes fruits and vegetables grow from the ground and attack one's opponent. These fruits and vegetables are edible, but they aren't nutritious, and they taste awful.

She thinks the key to growing good vegetables is to put one's heart into it, so she has established a farm as a side business as well.

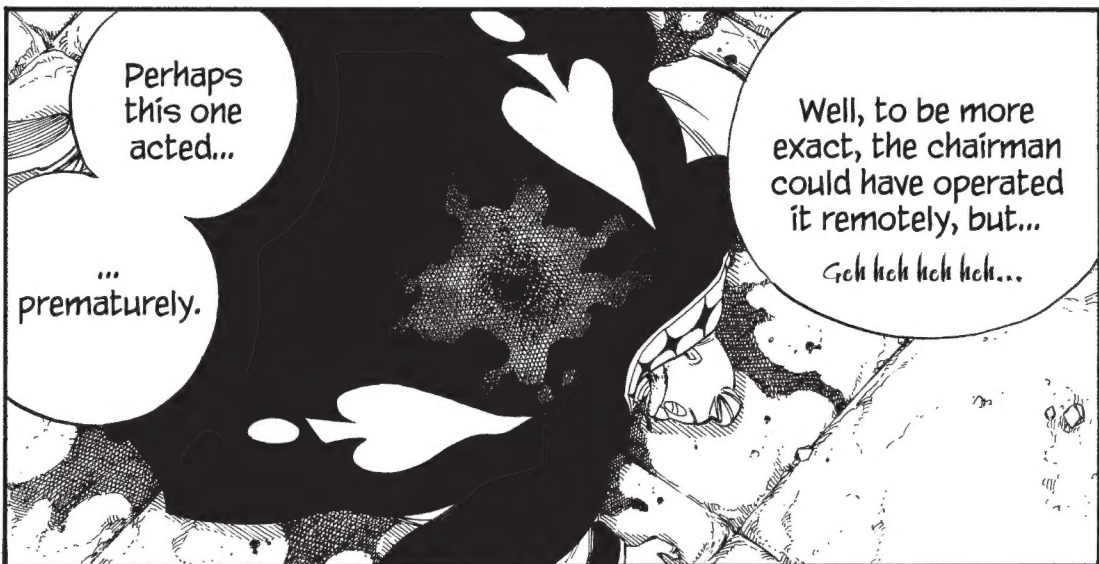
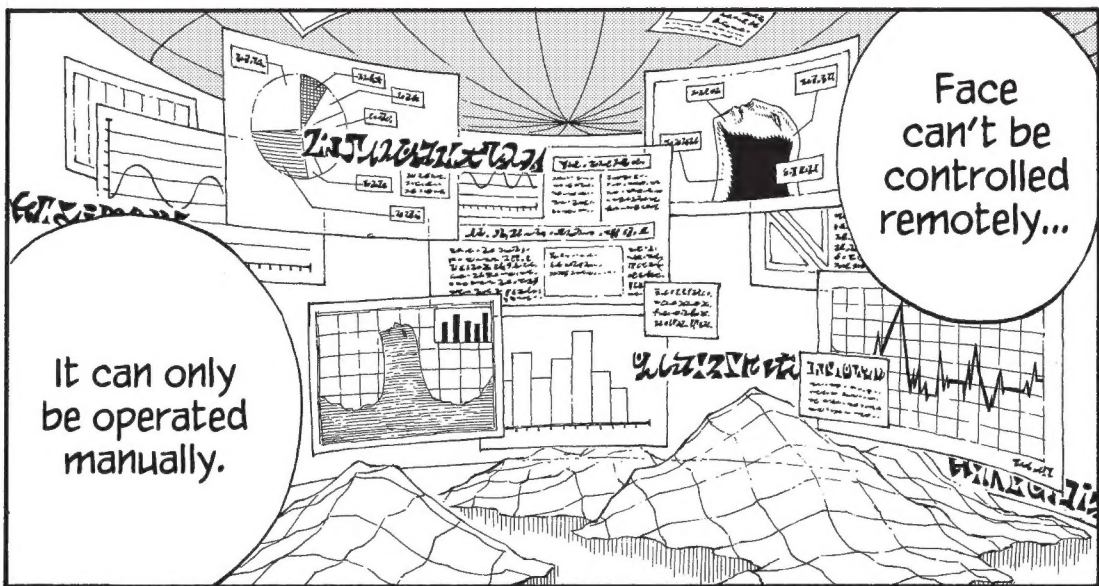
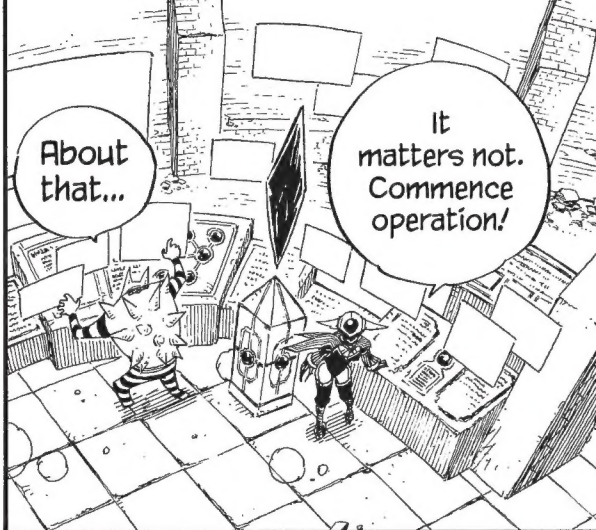
She's noticed that Millianna treats Kagura like an older sister, but she doesn't know that Millianna is actually older than Kagura.

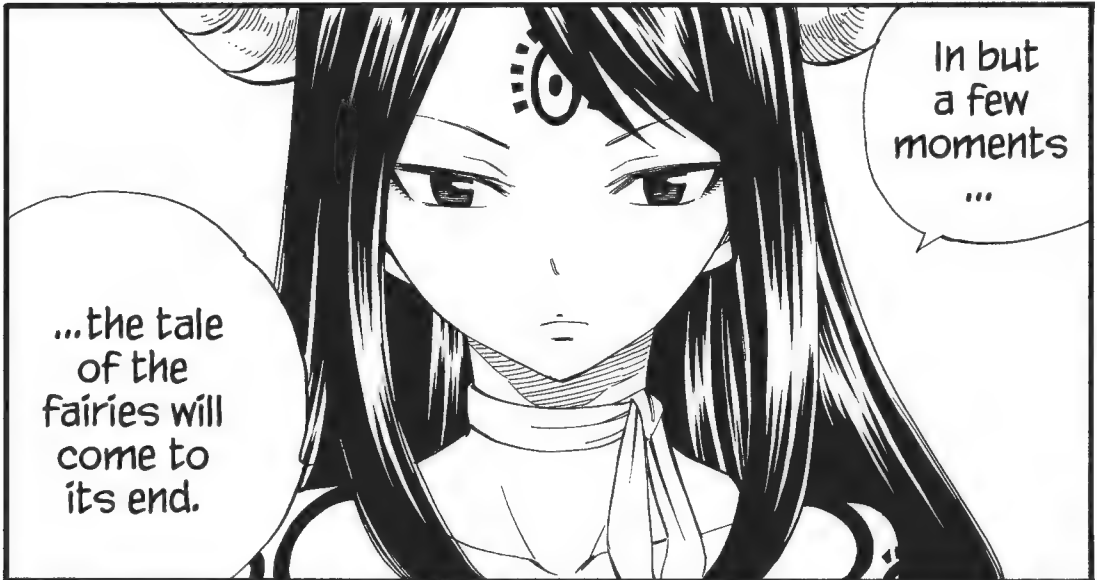
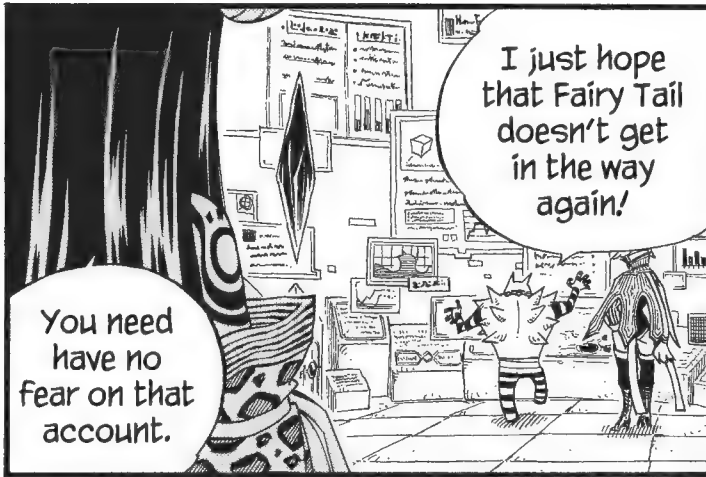




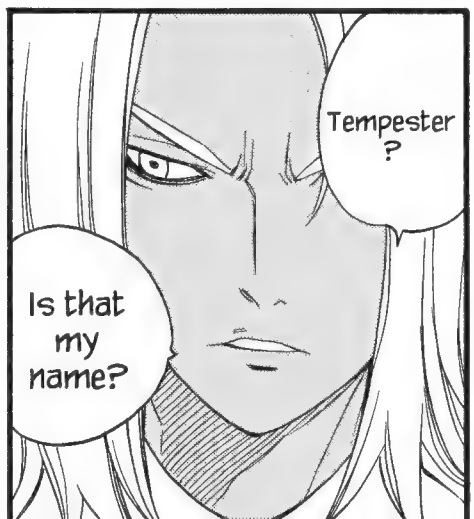


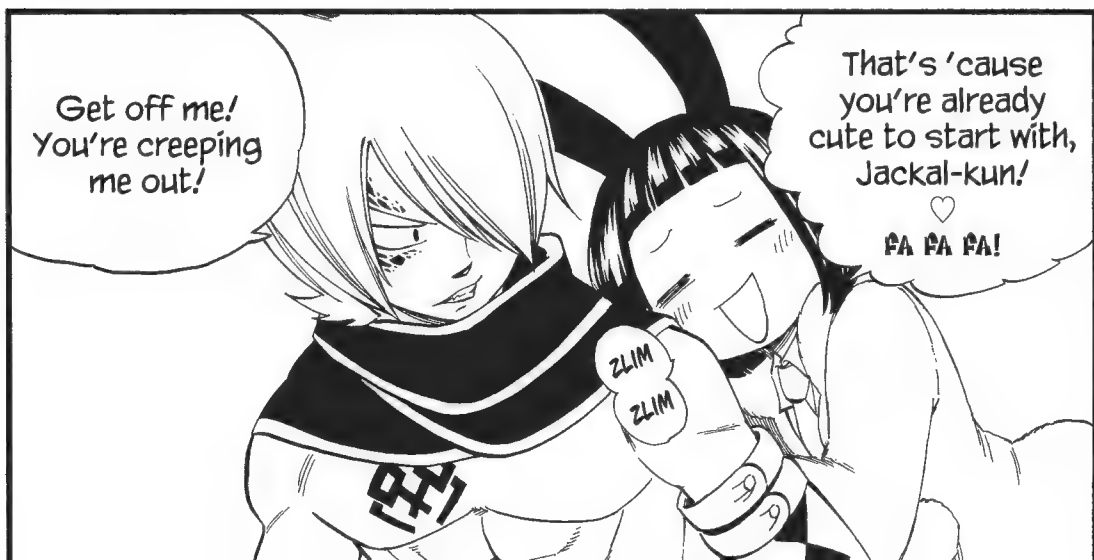


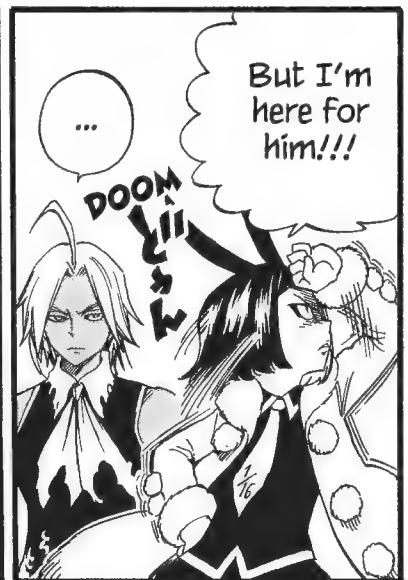
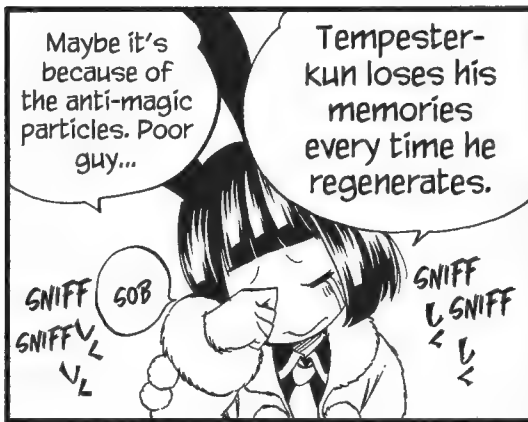









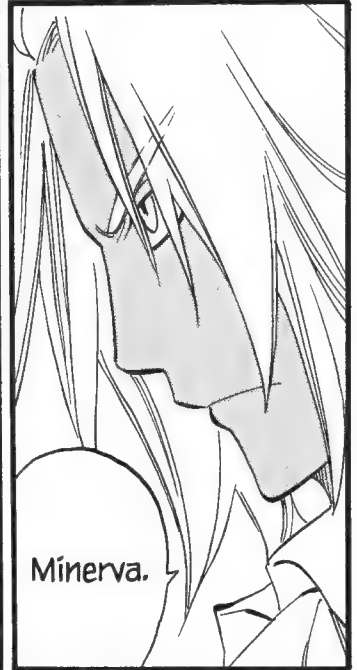
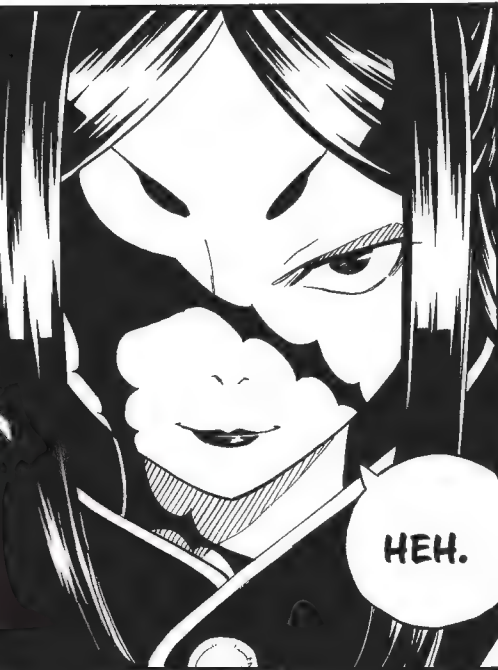
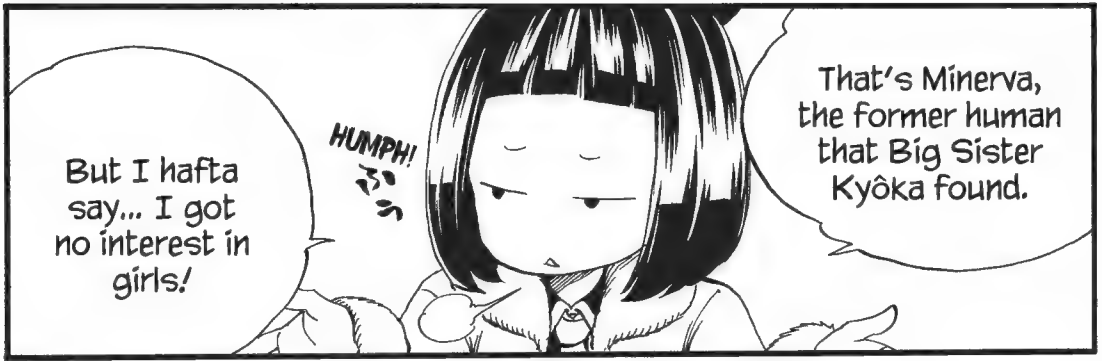


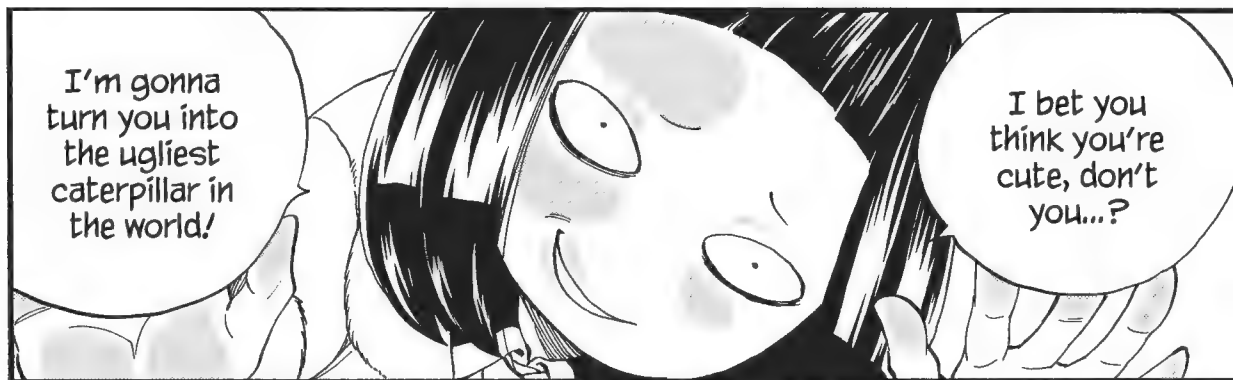


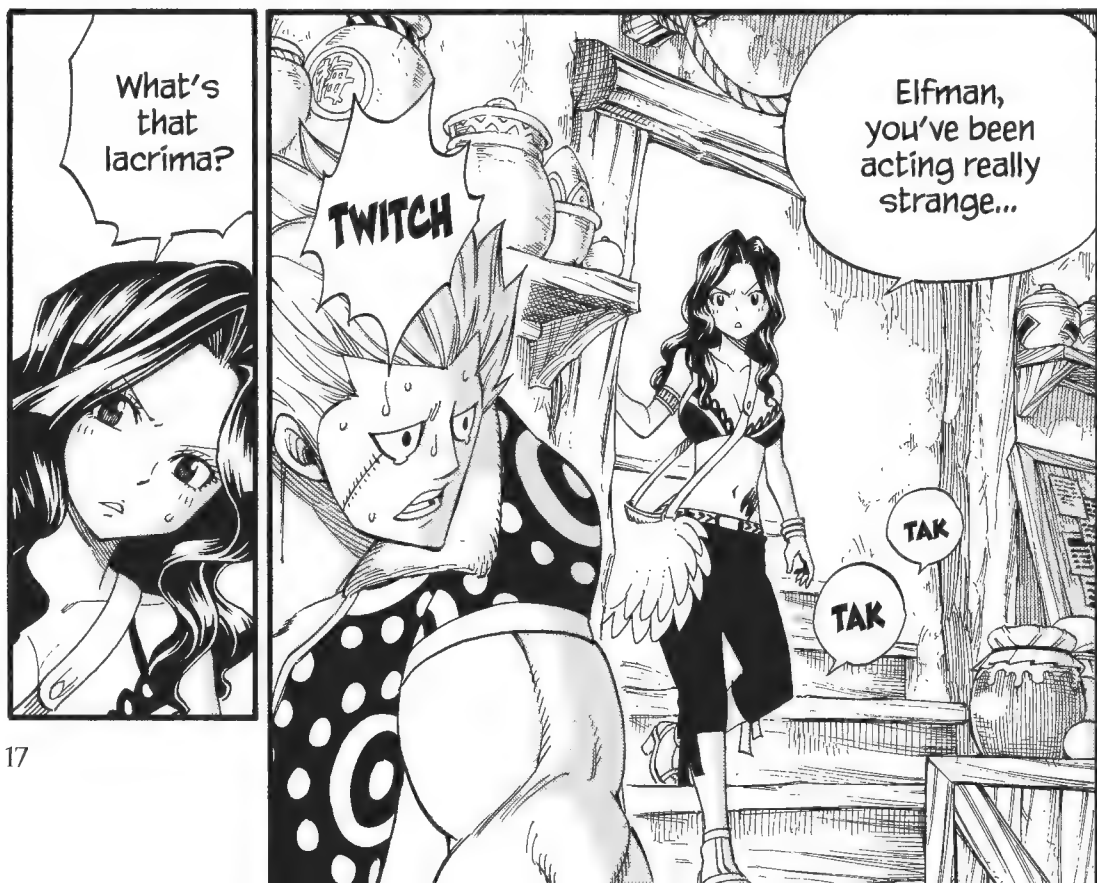
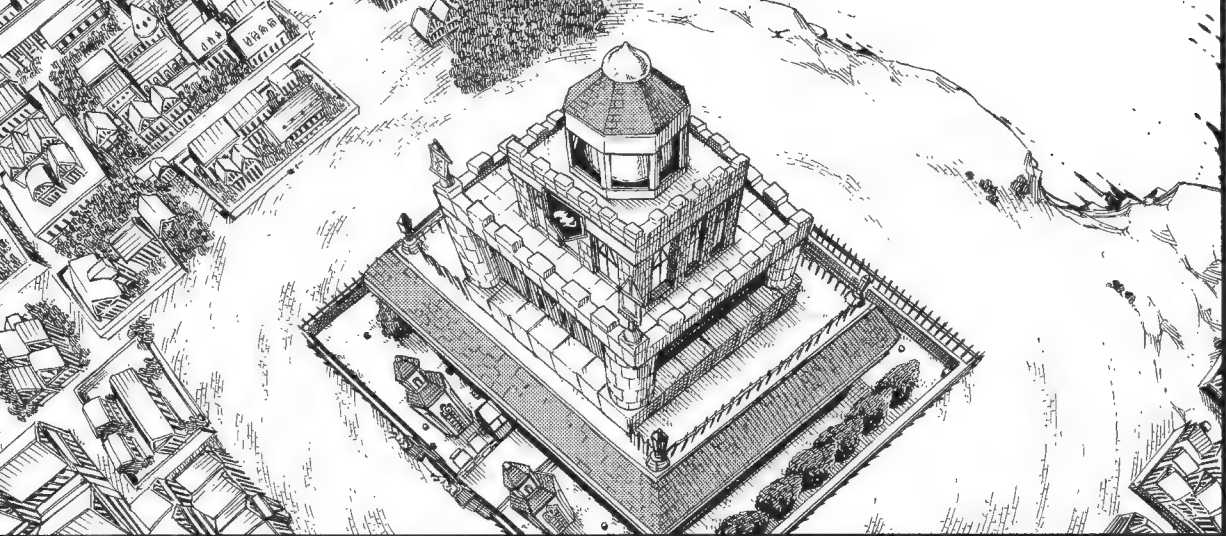


So this is
a demon's
power...?

I feel it
surging
within
me...









Don't
interfere!



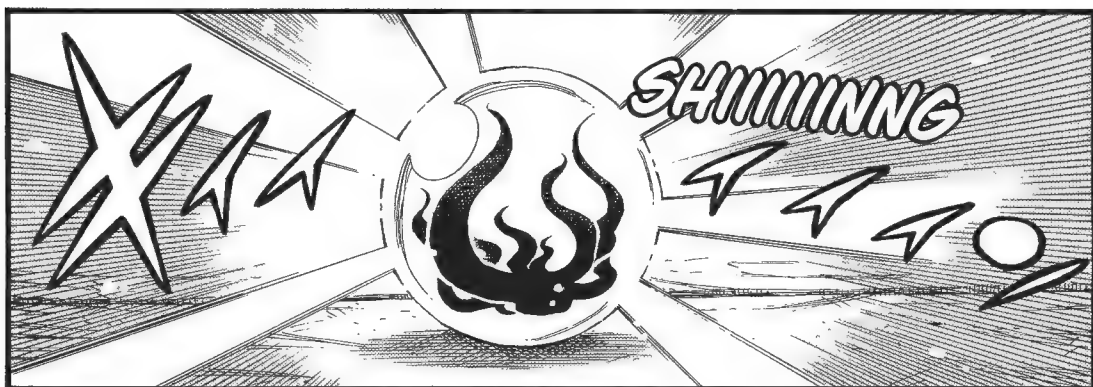
Wait...
Elfman!!



Don't
interfere
!!!

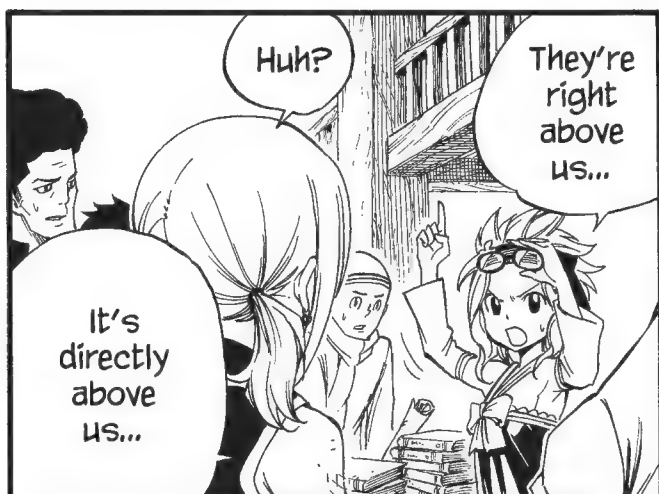
Don't
interfere!!

KH!





I managed
to locate the
enemy base!!!
I've found
them!!!!



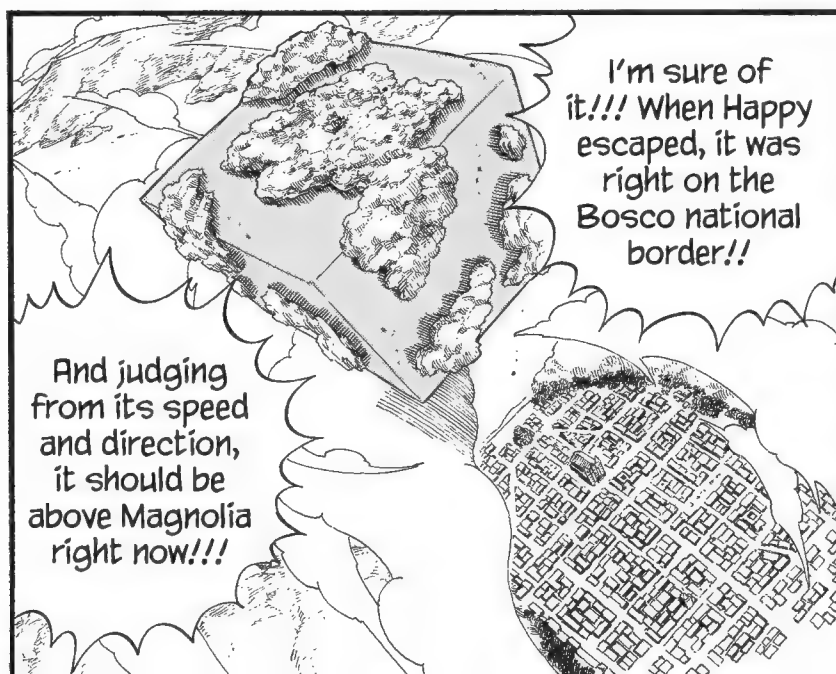
Huh?

They're
right
above
us...

It's
directly
above
us...



Well
done!!



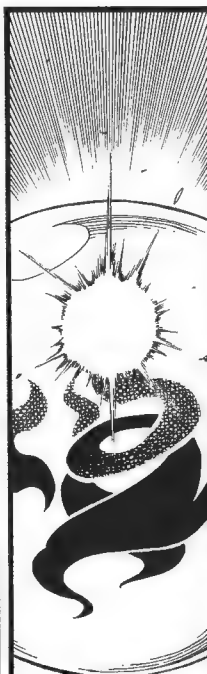
I'm sure of
it!!! When Happy
escaped, it was
right on the
Bosco national
border!!

And judging
from its speed
and direction,
it should be
above Magnolia
right now!!!



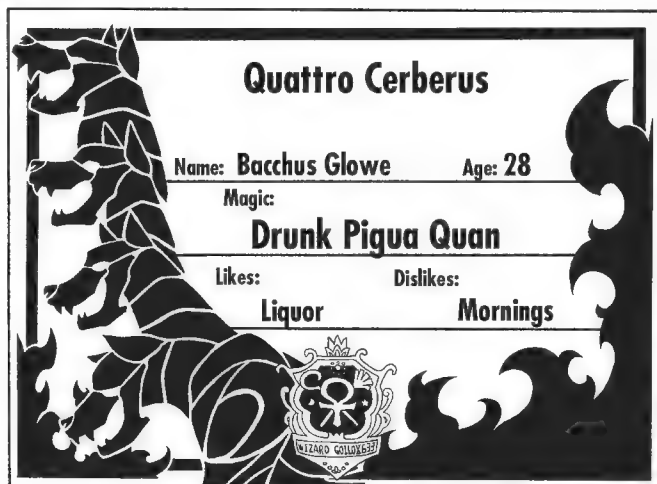
Those
creeps
are right
up there?

What
was
that?





FAIRY TAIL



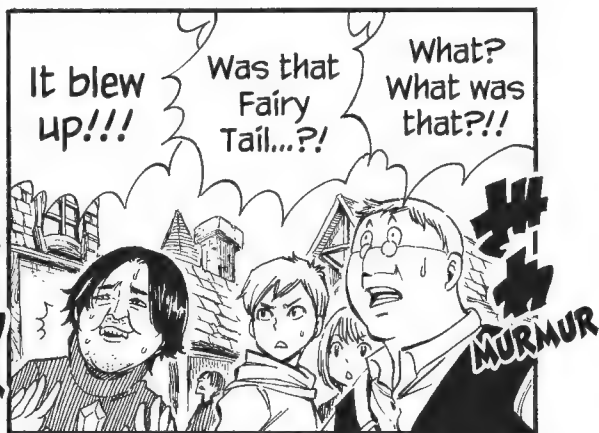
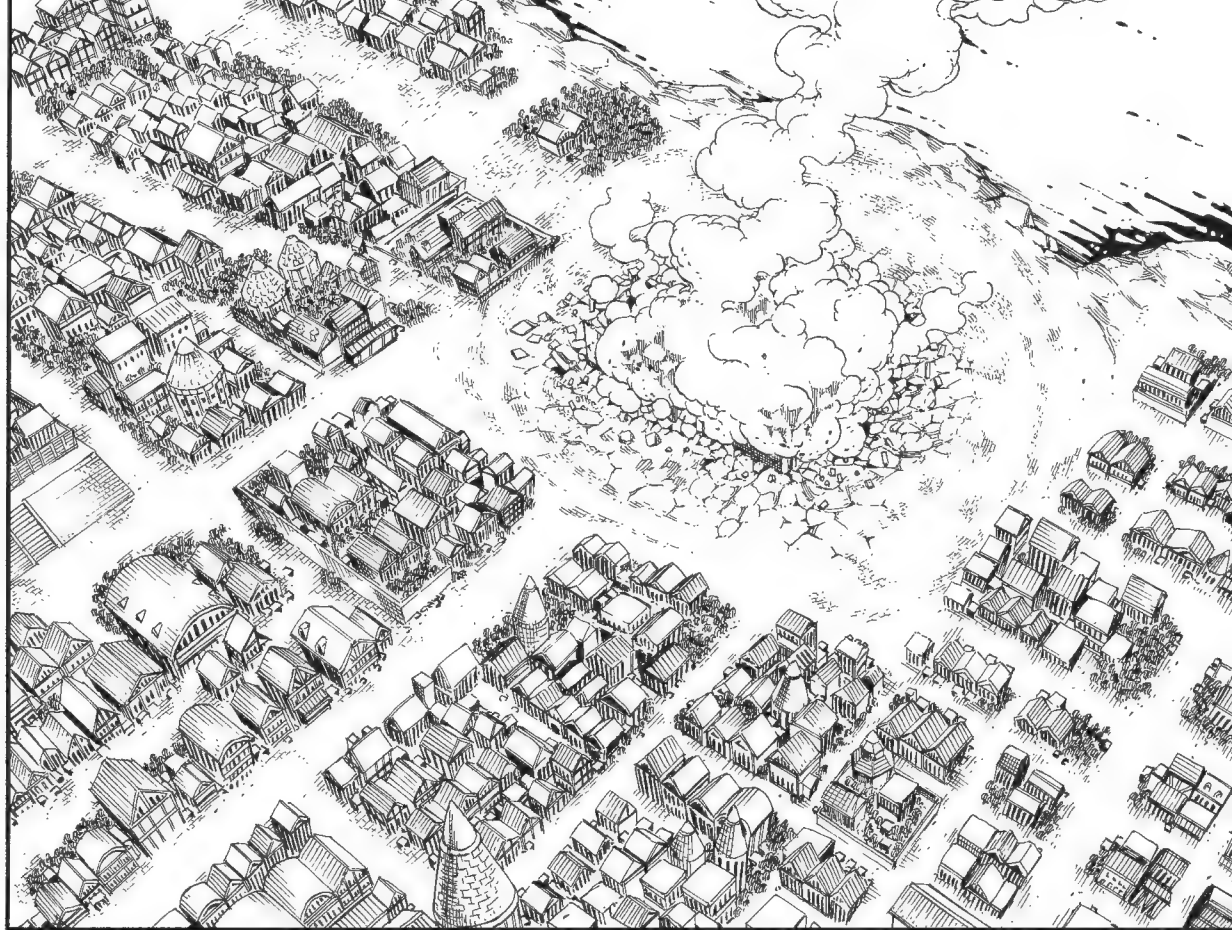
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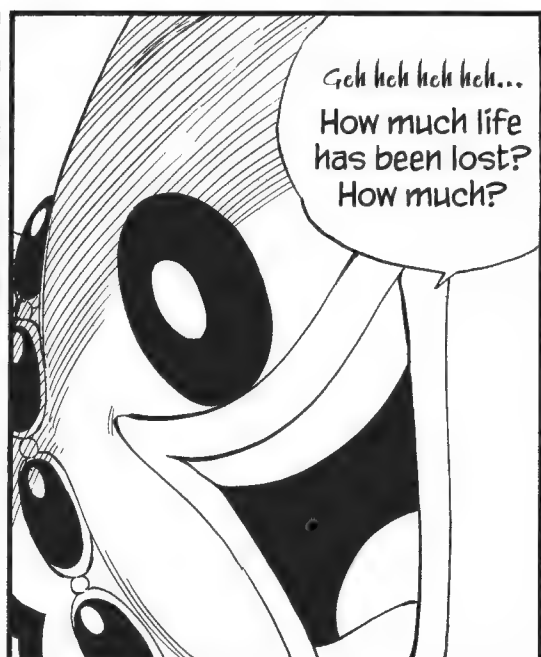
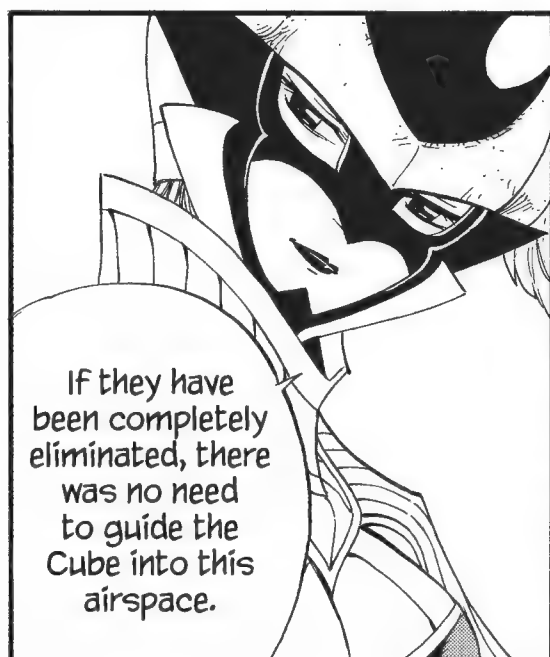
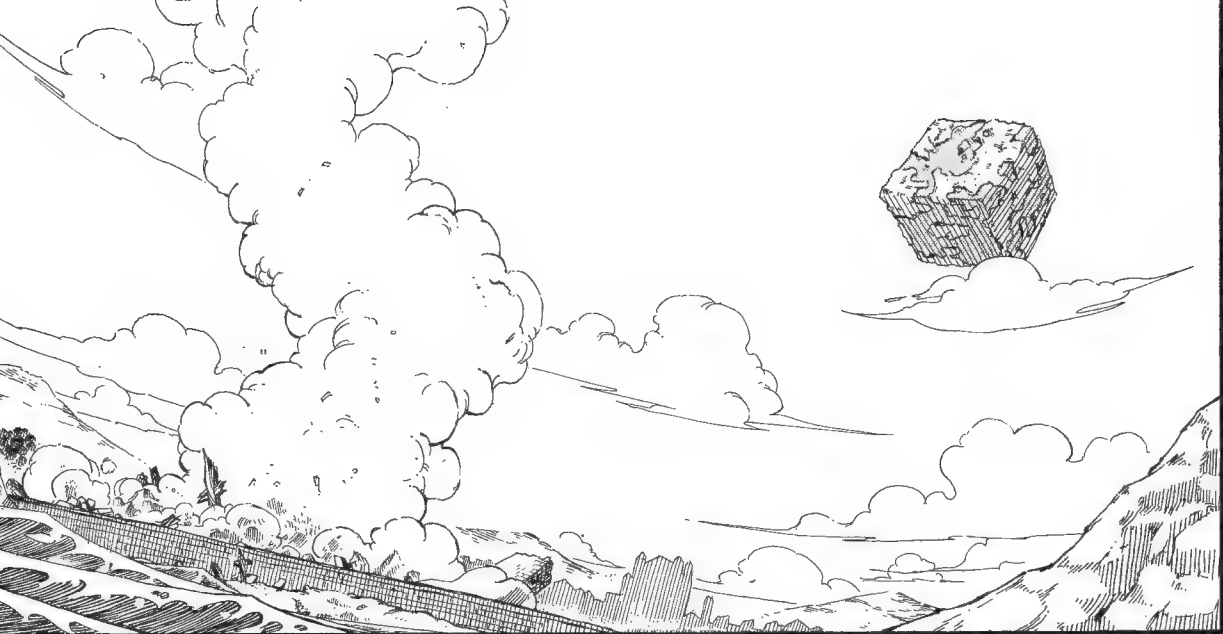
The ace of Quattro Cerberus. Seven years ago, he was strong enough to go one-on-one against Erza. His strength hasn't diminished any, but during the Games, he lost to Elfman, and now he's on a serious training journey to get even better.

He and Cana are still drinking buddies, and every now and then, they drink a liquor barrel dry together.

There is also a band of thieves who call themselves Bacchus, but he has nothing to do with them now.

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Tartaros Arc, Part 2:
Song of the Sky Dragon

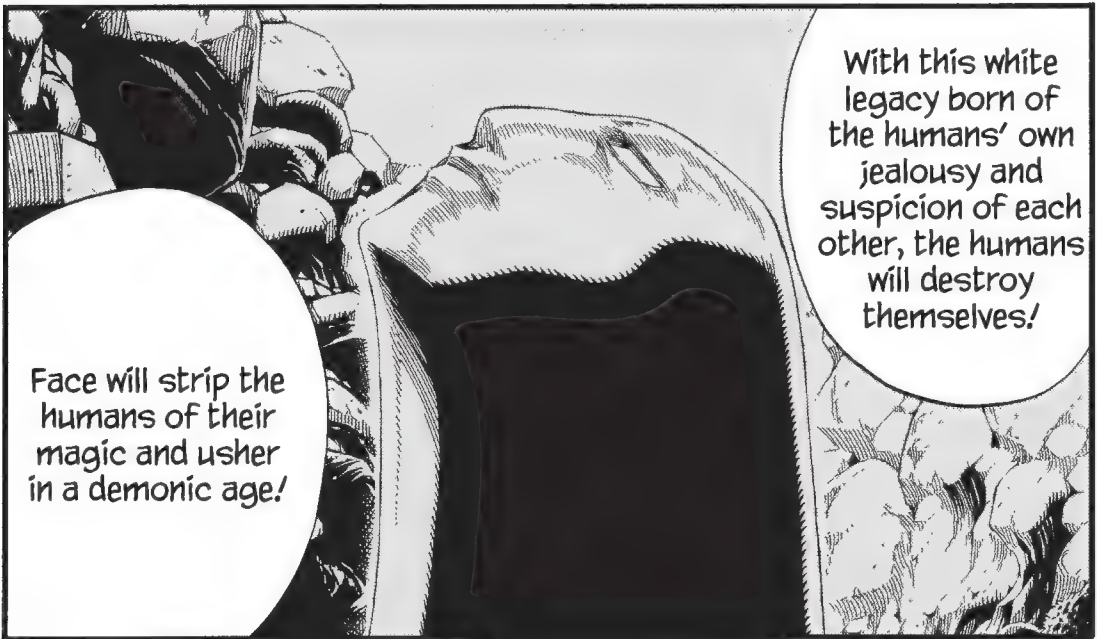






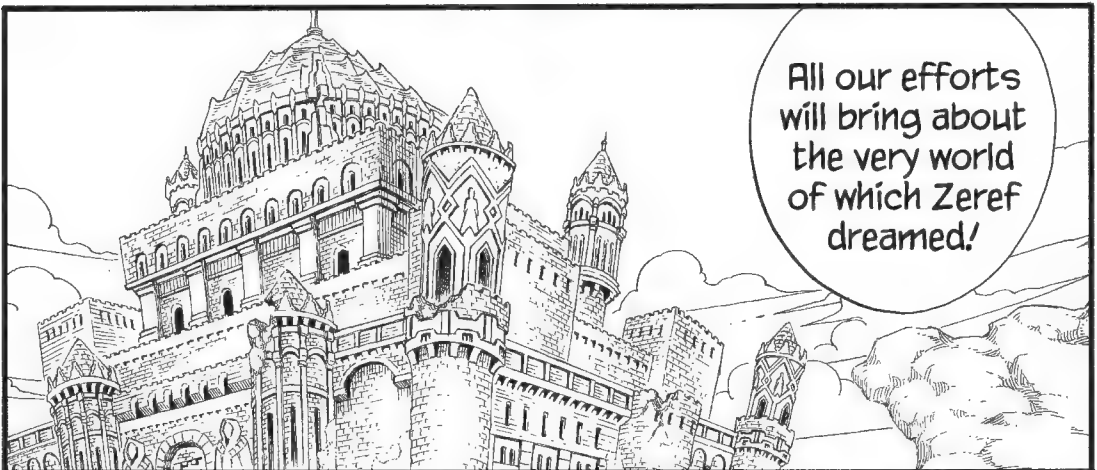
The time
is now
ripe!

We
shall henceforth
concentrate all
efforts on our
original objective,
the *Face Plan*.



Face will strip the
humans of their
magic and usher
in a demonic age!

With this white
legacy born of
the humans' own
jealousy and
suspicion of each
other, the humans
will destroy
themselves!



All our efforts
will bring about
the very world
of which Zeref
dreamed!



Kyôka-sama,
I believe
they're carrying
something!

You say you are
detecting multiple
magical readings
from each of
those small
animals?

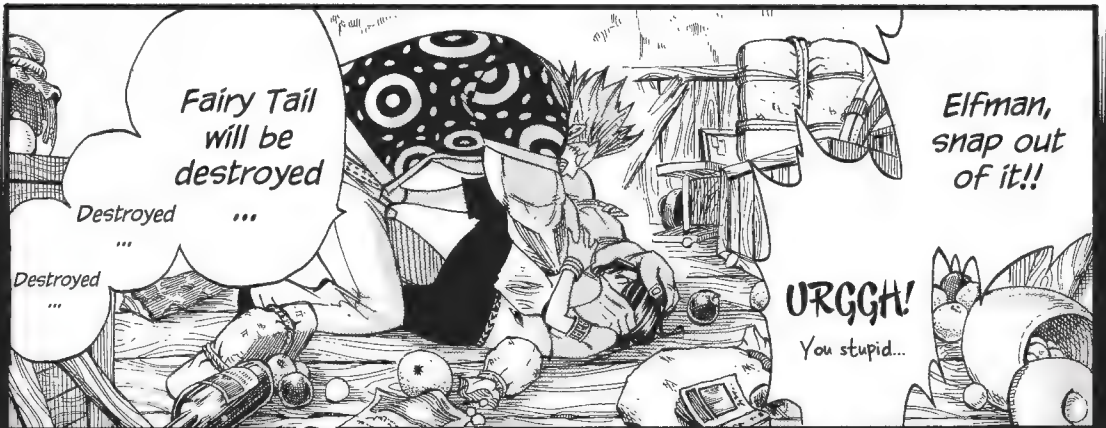
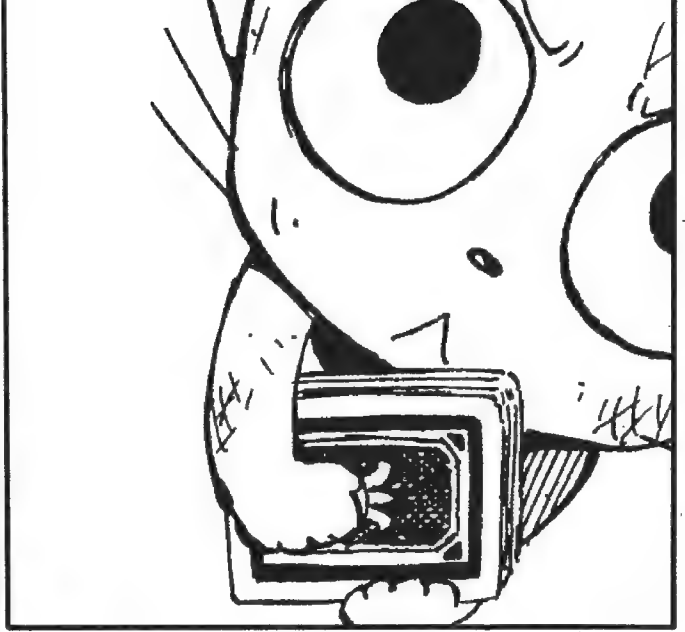


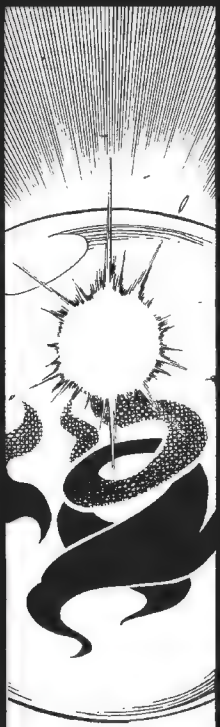
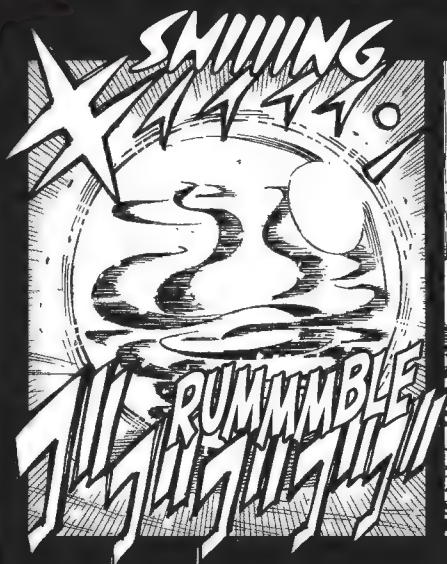
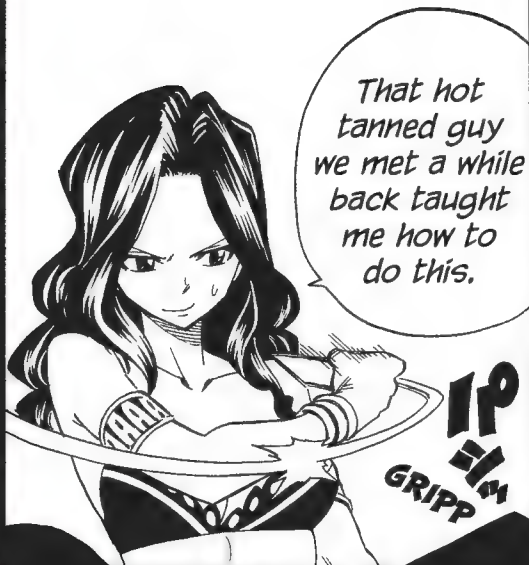
You let
one get
away...
Silver-
san?



I
recognize
that cat!
He's from
Fairy Tail...

Cats
...?!!

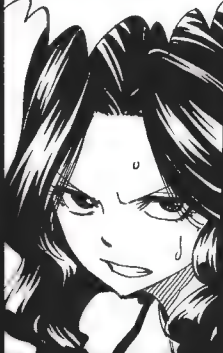






All
of you,
into
cards
!!!

Some are
wounded, and
some are too slow
to save themselves,
so this was all I
could do!!



Was
that you,
Cana?!



PA-POFF

I know
this
magic...



What
just
happened
?!!

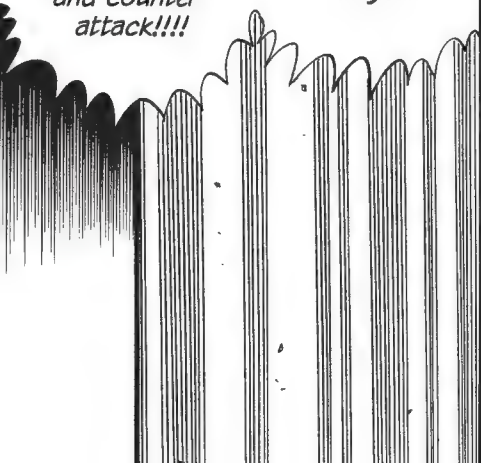
Huh?



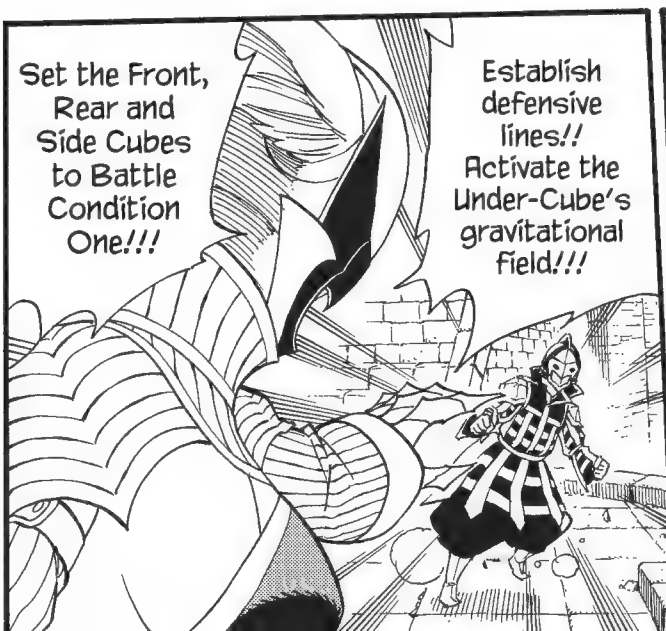
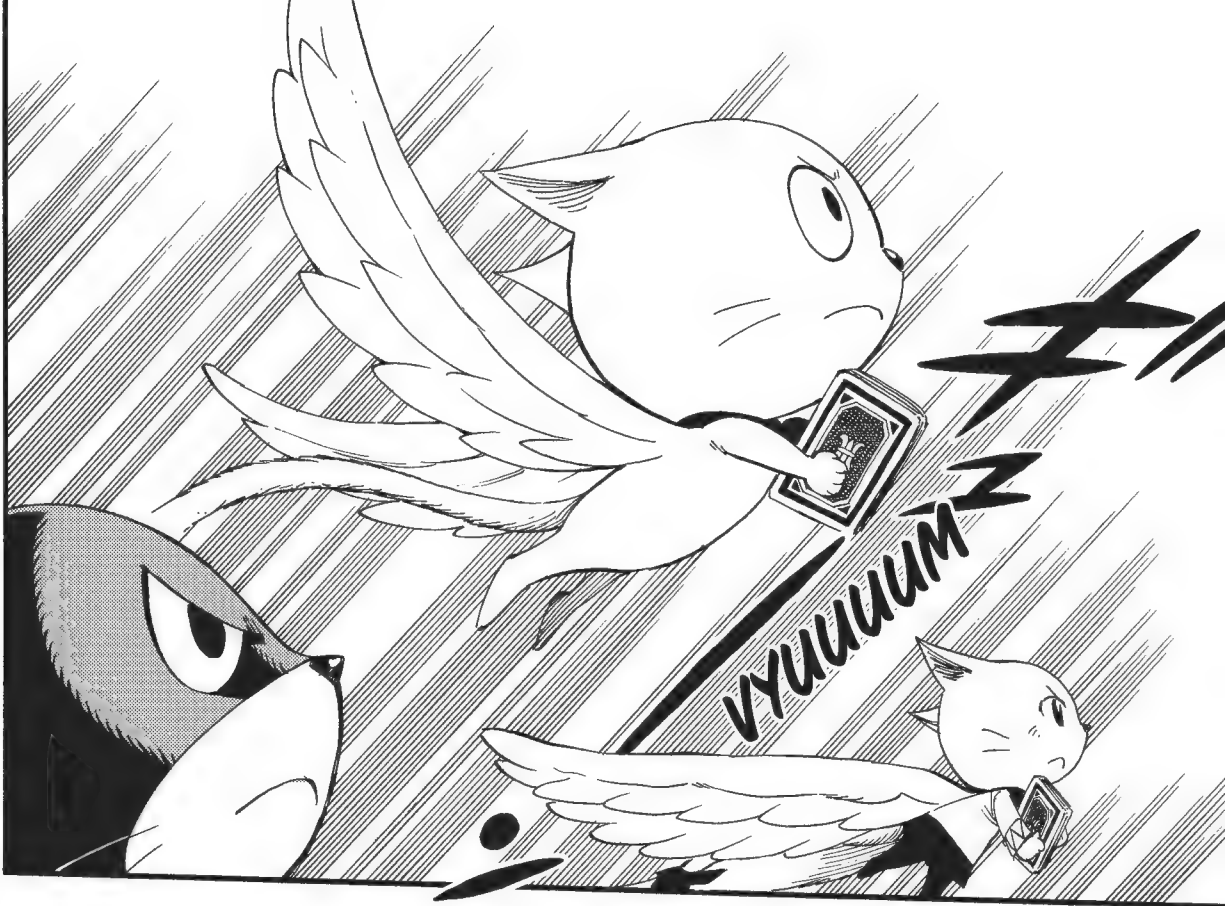
What
?!

The guild's
about to
explode!!! Get
out of here,
and counter-
attack!!!!

Happy!!!
Carla!!!
Lily!!!



All cards,
back into
my hand!
Salvage!!





Wuuuum



Let *none* approach the Top Cube!!!



This is... gravity?!

Kyaa!!

VNGHH !!

THAKAN!



We're being sucked in!!!

WAA!!

What is going on?!



Right
!!!!



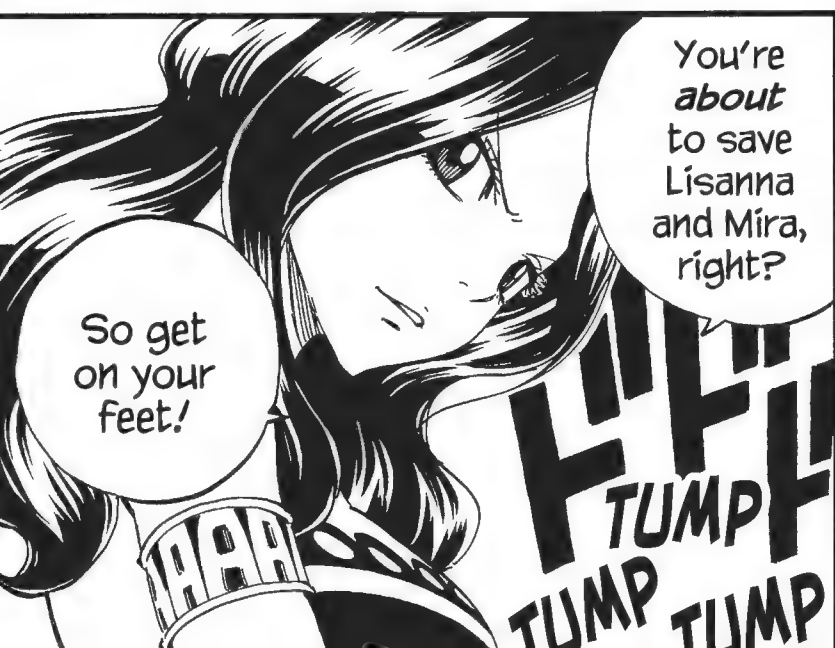
I'm releasing everyone from their cards!!!

Here we go!!!



Don't worry about *that*!! The enemy is attacking!!!

Aren't we upside down?!!



So get
on your
feet!

You're
about
to save
Lisanna
and Mira,
right?

TUMP
TUMP
TUMP



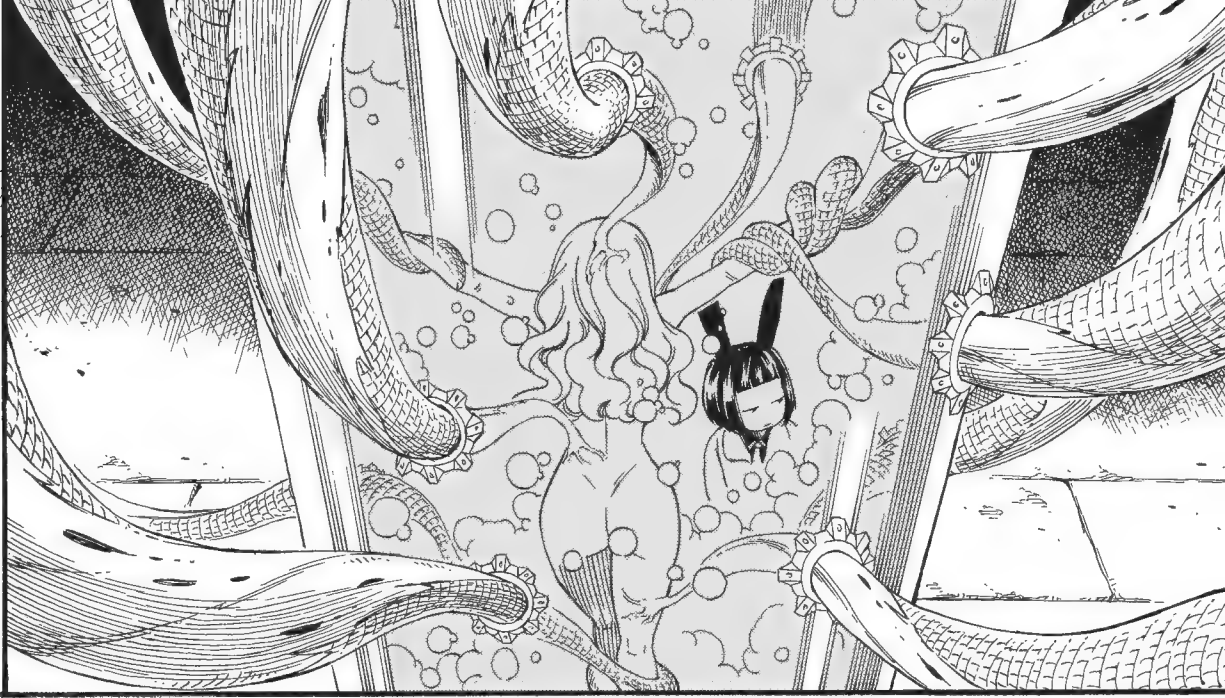
What
have I
done...?

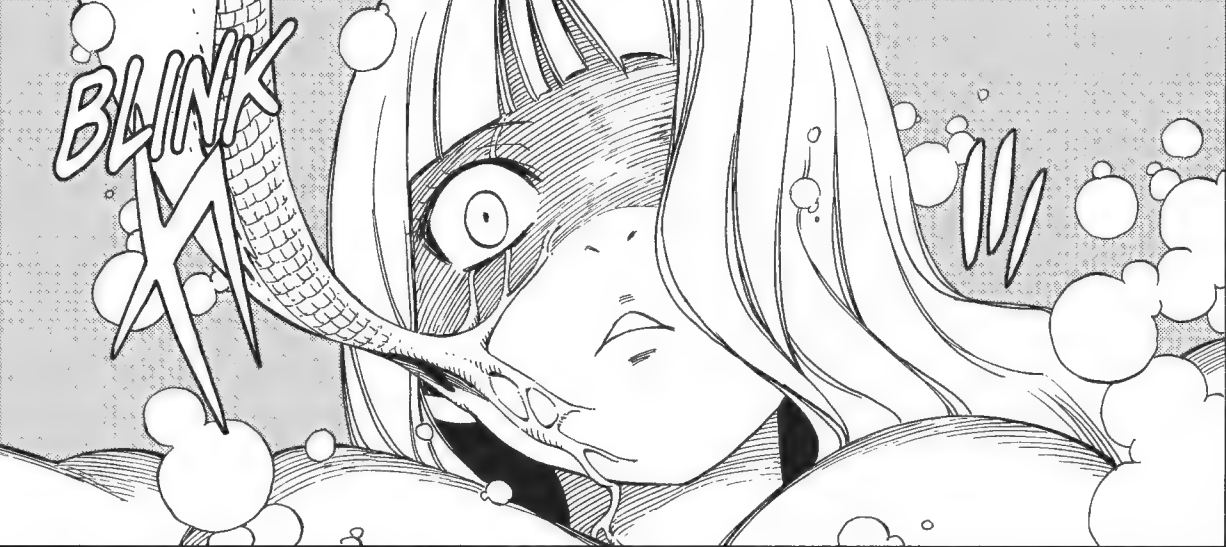



Are
you back
to your
senses?



What
have...







I already
had my share of
demon genes. I
needed them for
Satan Soul.

And
thanks
to you,
I'm all
revived!



How could you have escaped your cell...?!



The Heat Blade?!

This sword's got lotsa power!



Where is Erza?!



You showed me such hospitality while I was your guest.



And now we got ya!!

We've been waiting for you!!!

GRATCH

GRATCH

RUMMMMBLE

Allow me to
repay you in
kind!

ZLIM
ZLIM
ZLIM
ZLIM



And I'm
about to get
payback, big
time...

What could
she have
done...?

WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
わきわき

You *know*
what you
did...

Chapter 372: Breakthrough



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PART 1

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Saitama Prefecture, Minoru Chiba



▲ Wa ha ha! What is this?! (Laughs) That doggy Gildarts is just the best!!

▼ Seilah, Tartaros's beauty. Just how much power does she have?



Tokyo, Hisato Uematsu

▼ Nine Demon Gates Unite!! The fight begins now!!



Gunma Prefecture, Kyousuke Yoshinaga

Fukuoka Prefecture, Wakagi



▲ Very well drawn!! And with Lucy and Carla!! You'd think they'd go together, but it's a rare pairing.

REJECTION CORNER

Th- This battle has the lowest stakes I've ever seen...



Iwate Prefecture, Nozomi Tada

Tochigi Prefecture, Miki Abe



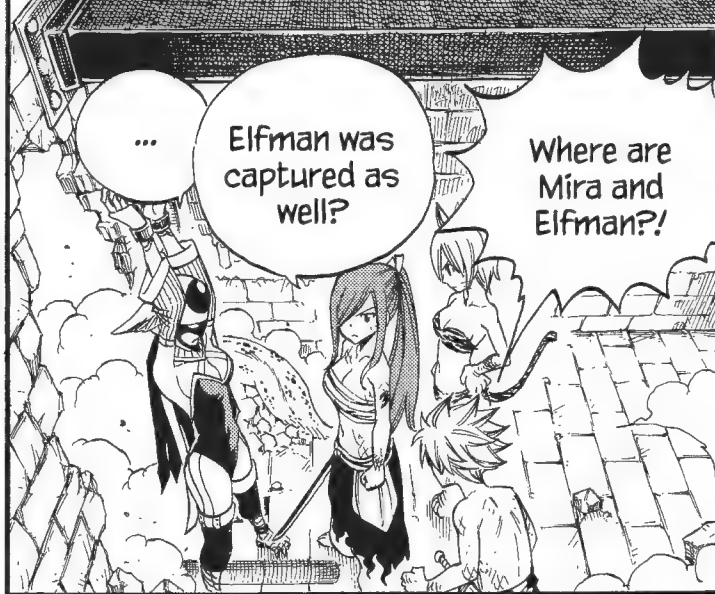
◀ Natsu and Sting! You know, someday I'd like to draw the two of them working together.

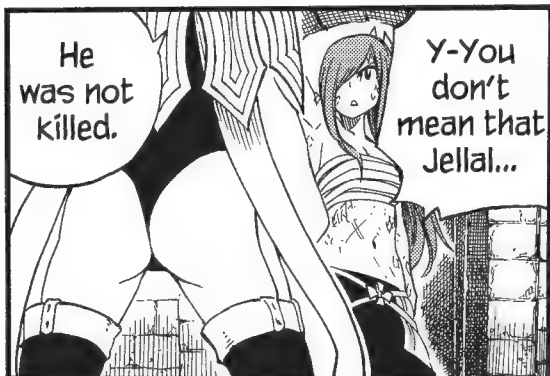


▲ The older-guy enemy characters. You like drawing the old men, huh?

Kanagawa Prefecture, Ryan

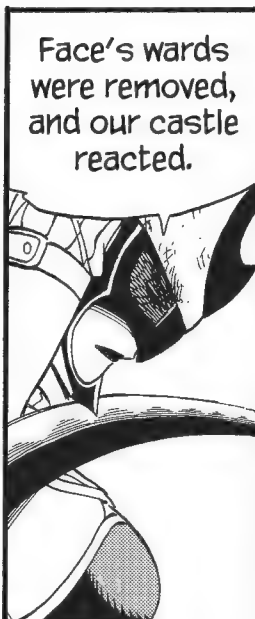
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He
was not
killed.

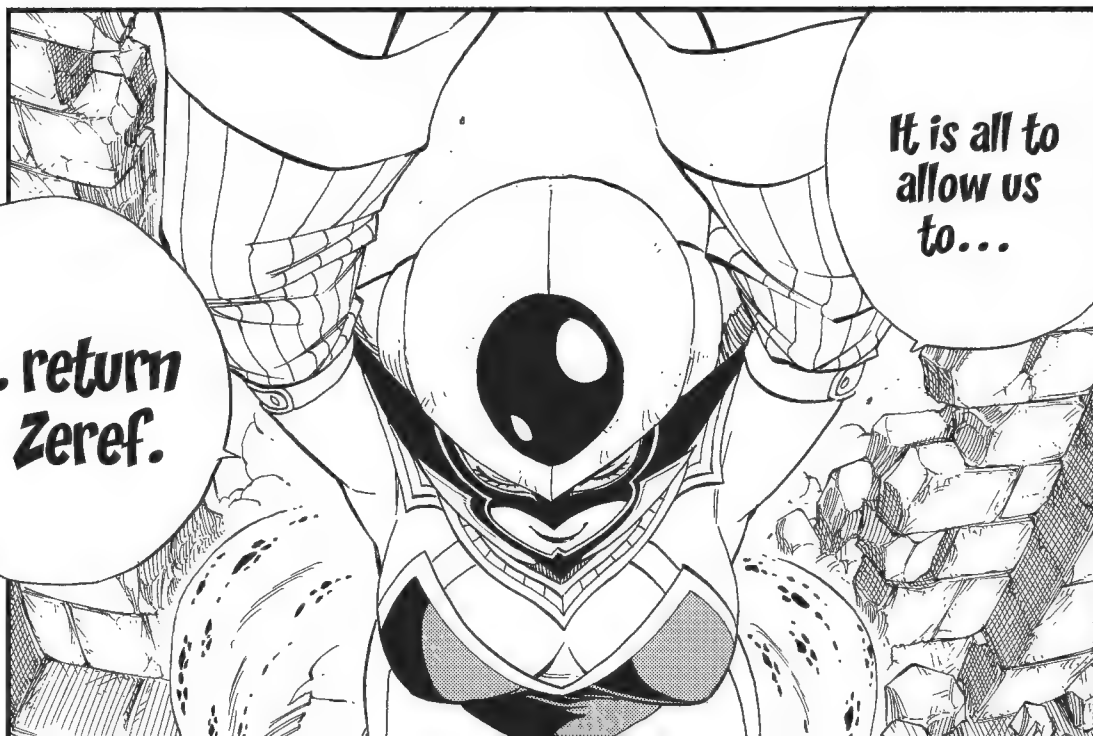
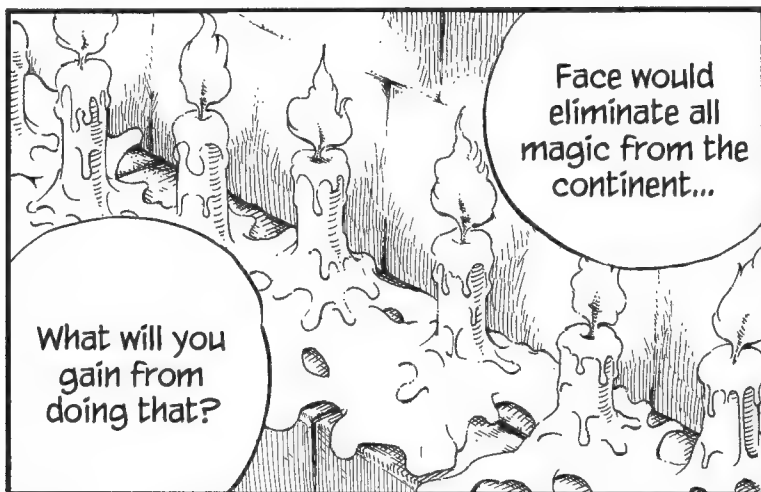
Y-You
don't
mean that
Jellal...

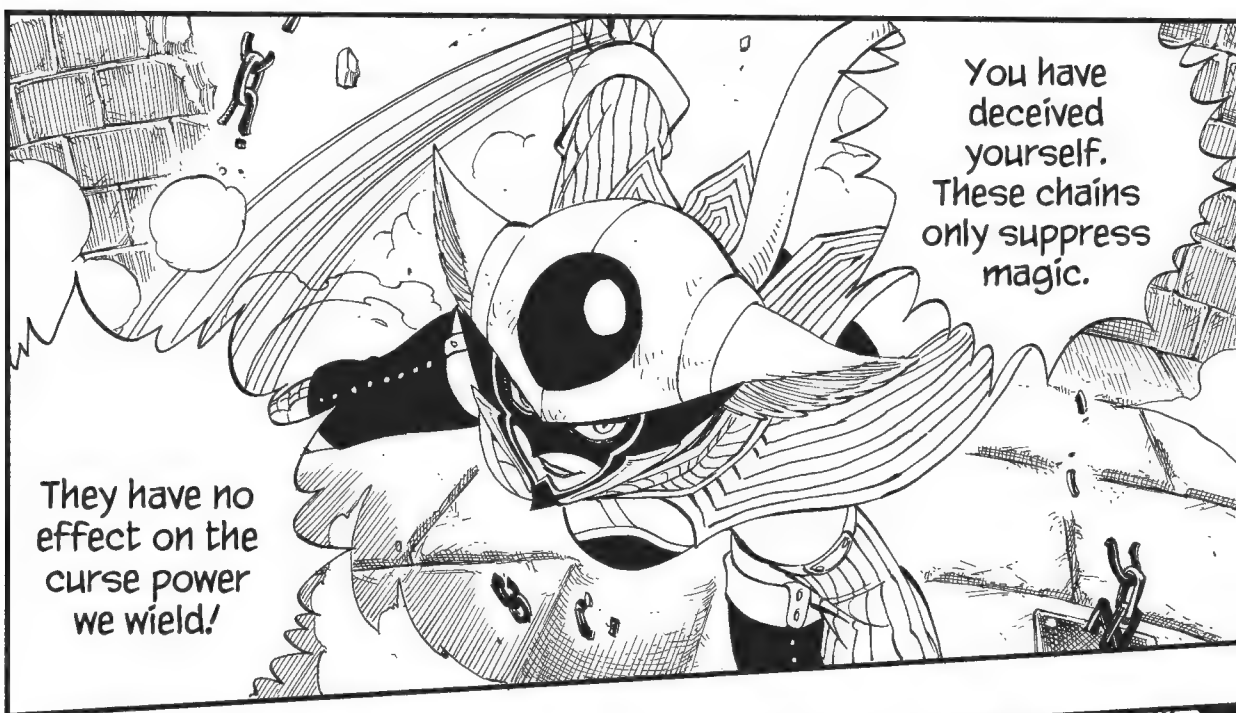


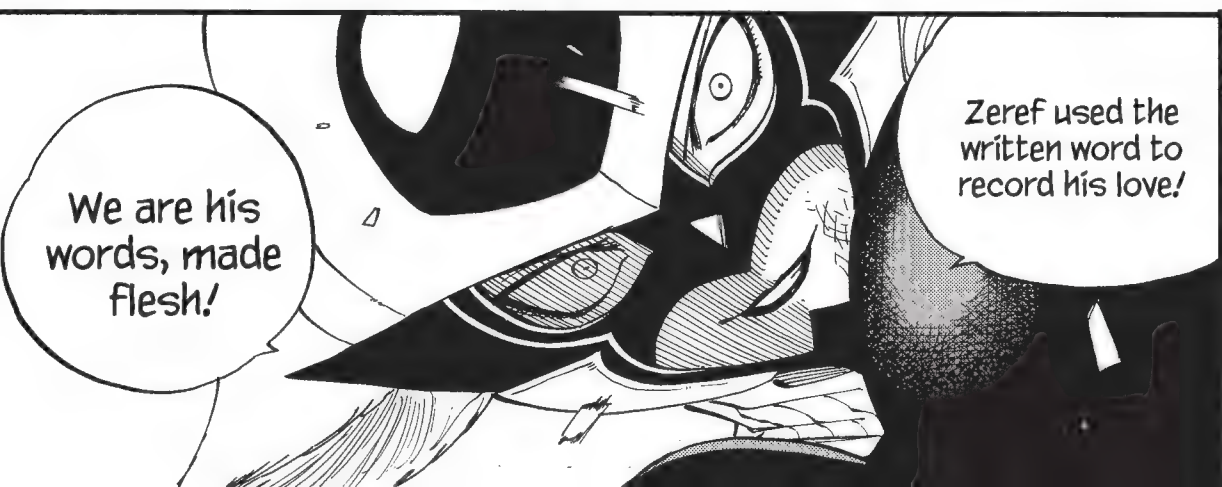
Face's wards
were removed,
and our castle
reacted.

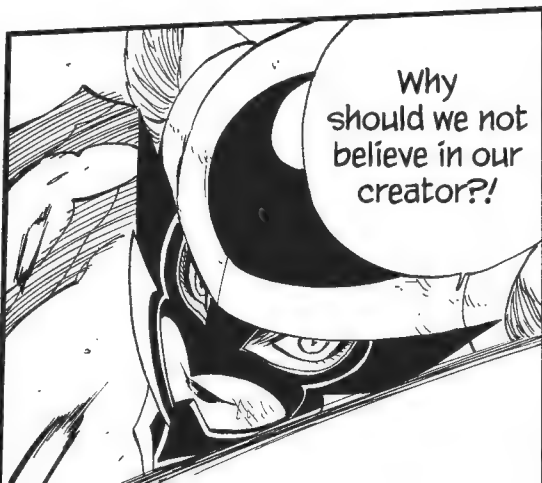
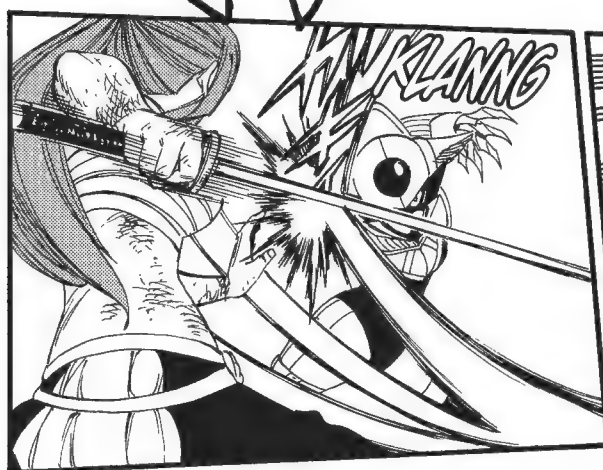


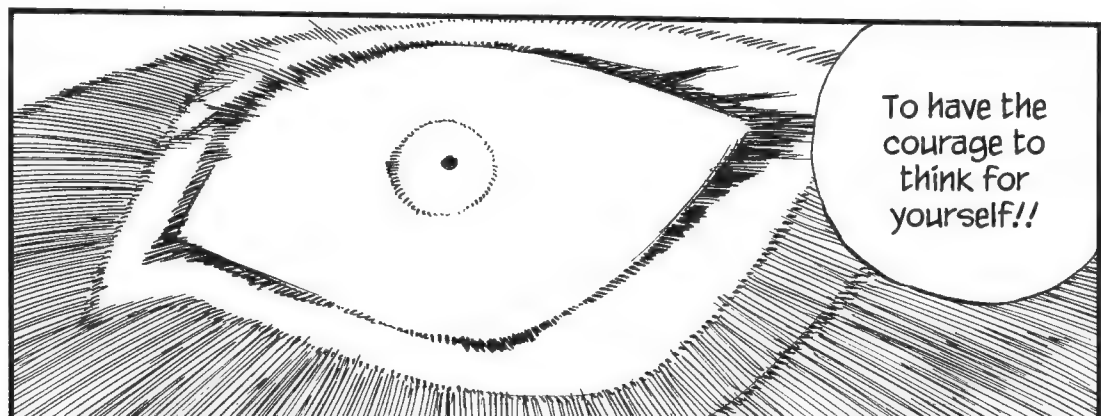
What
was that
shaking?








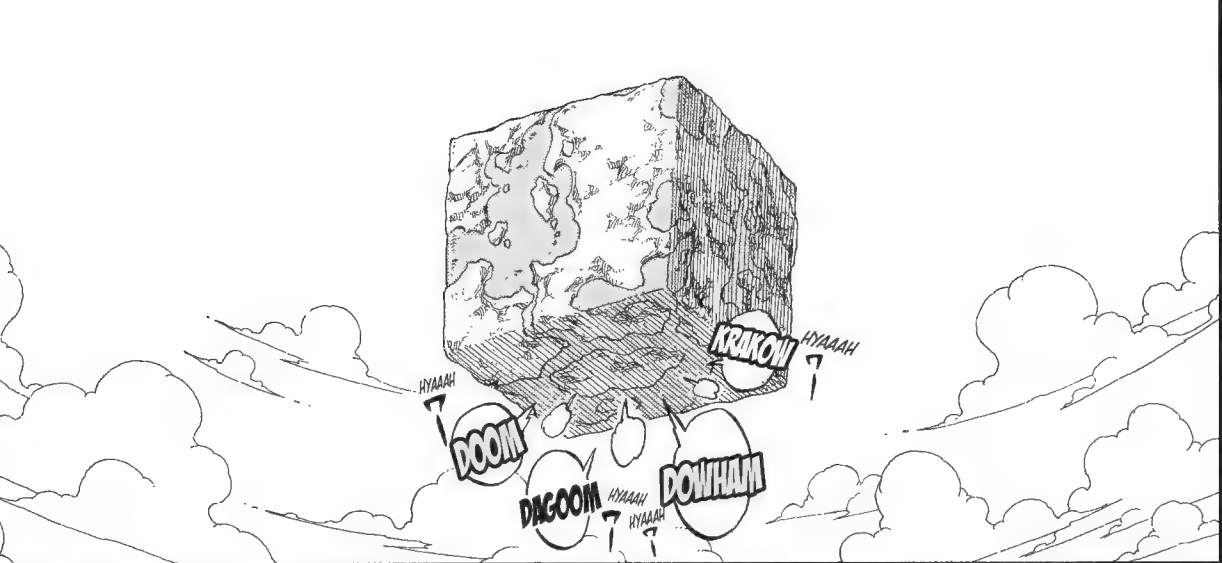






**To walk
under
your own
power!!!!**

GAAH!







If I hadn't, they'd have gotten blown up with the guild!!

Why'd you bring the wounded along?

We're stuck here! We gotta protect Laxus and his tribe too!

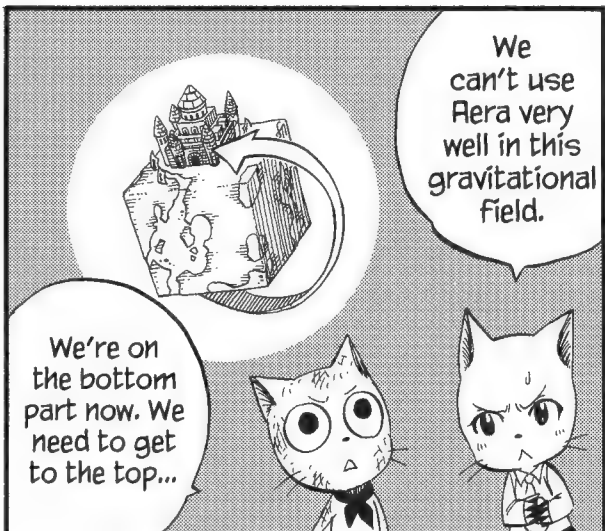
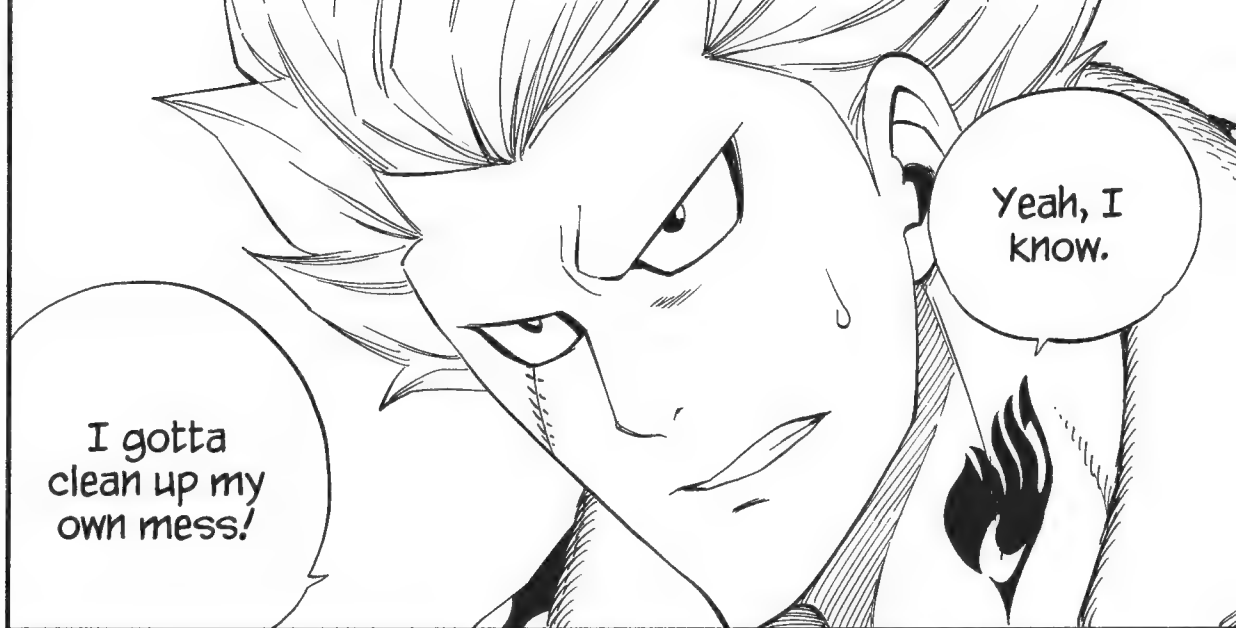
They just keep coming!

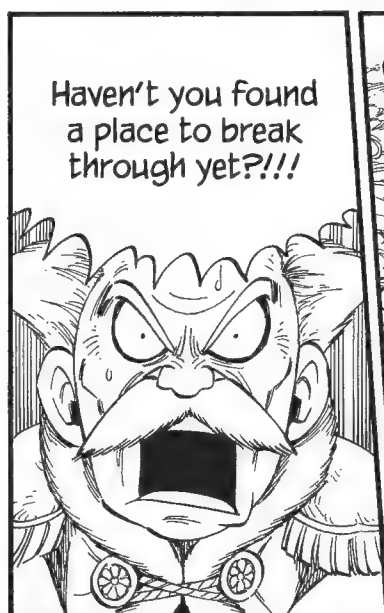
How many of 'em are there?

You're a *man*, ain't you?! If you got time to brood, you got time to take down some enemies!!!

I'm sorry...

What I did...







Erza
?!!!

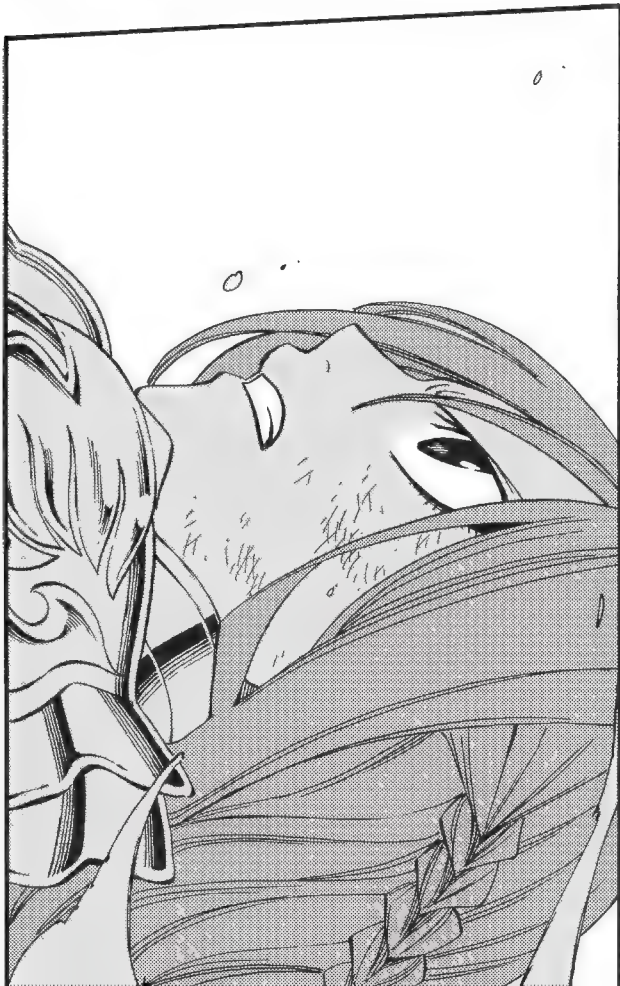
GWOOOON

What was
that?!!!

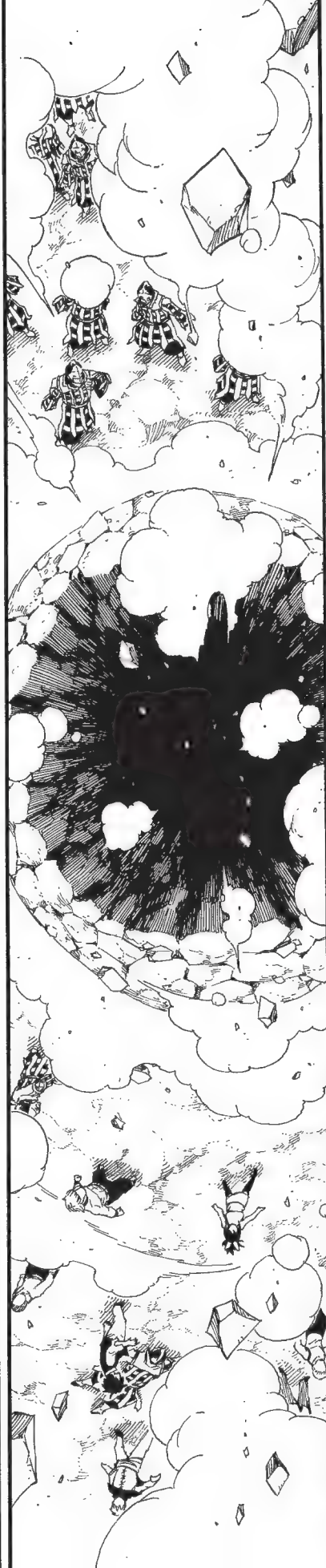


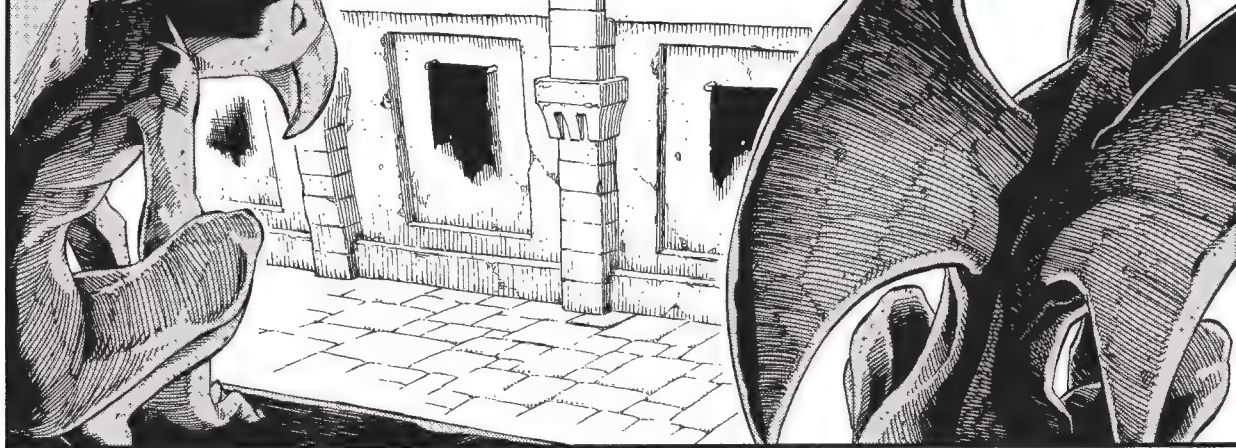
The
ground
is...





**She
broke
through
!!!!**

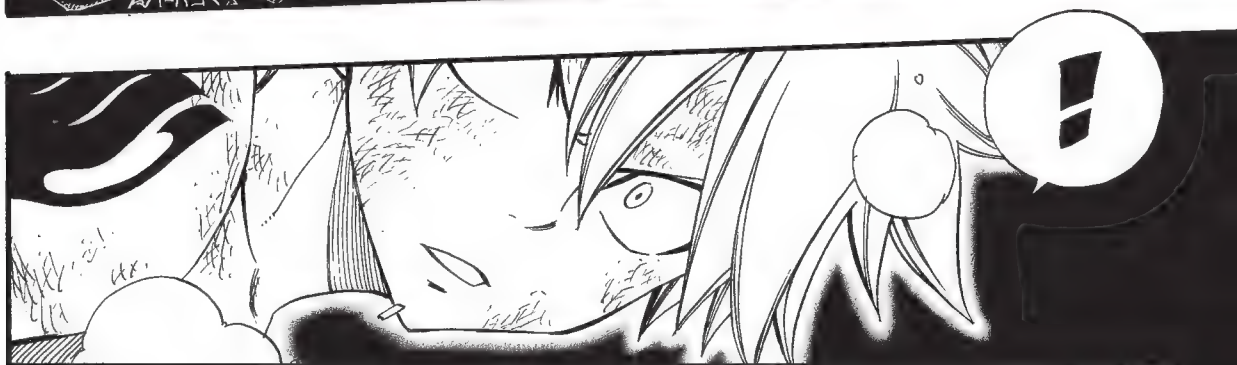
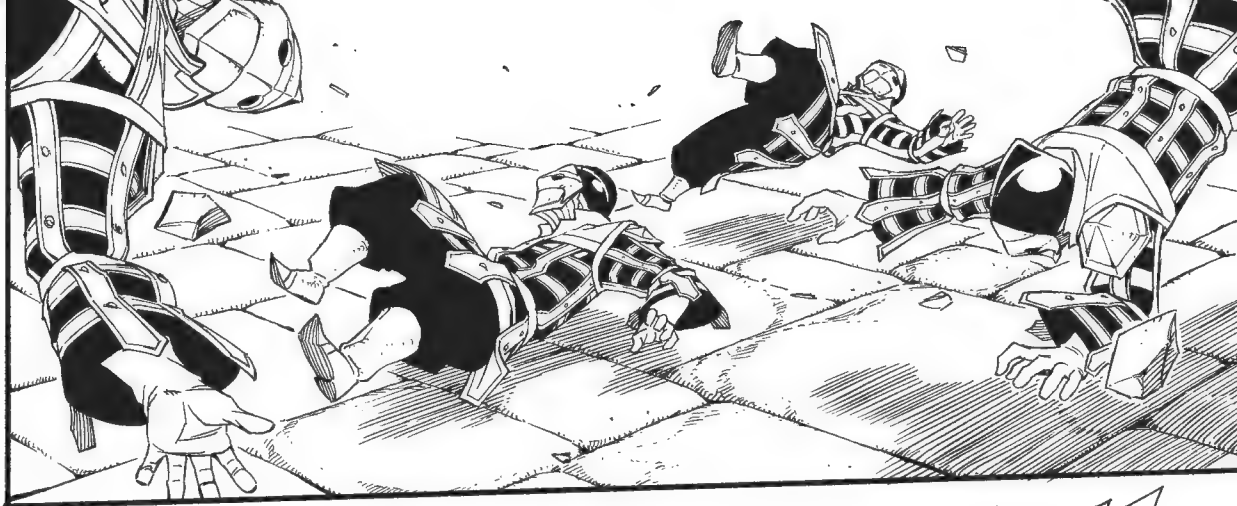


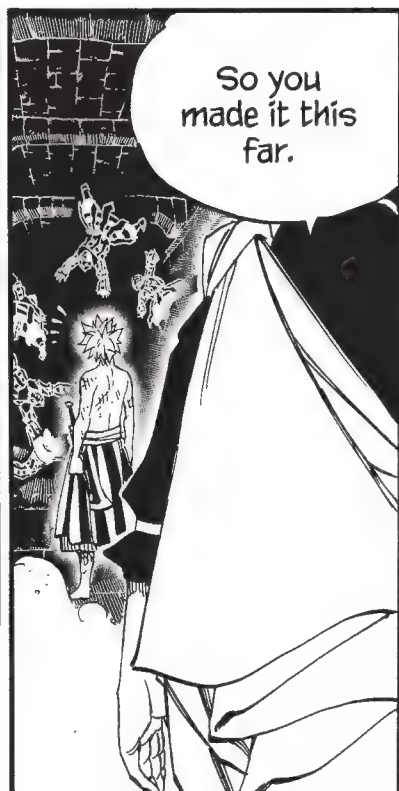
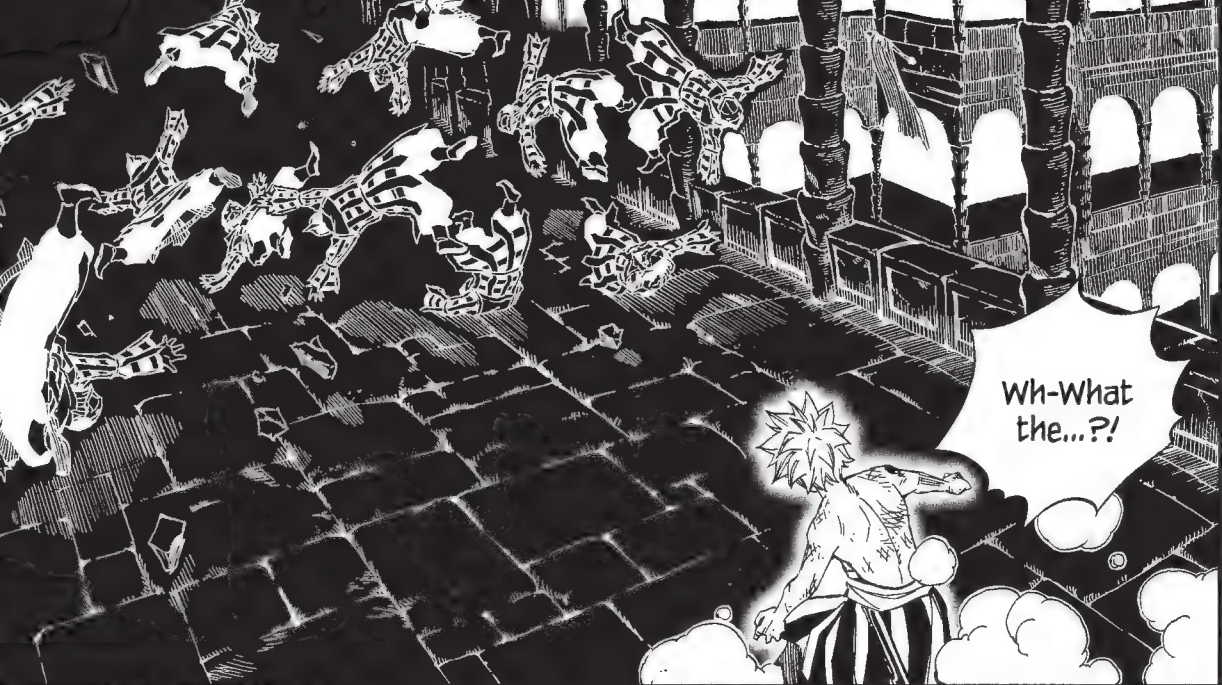


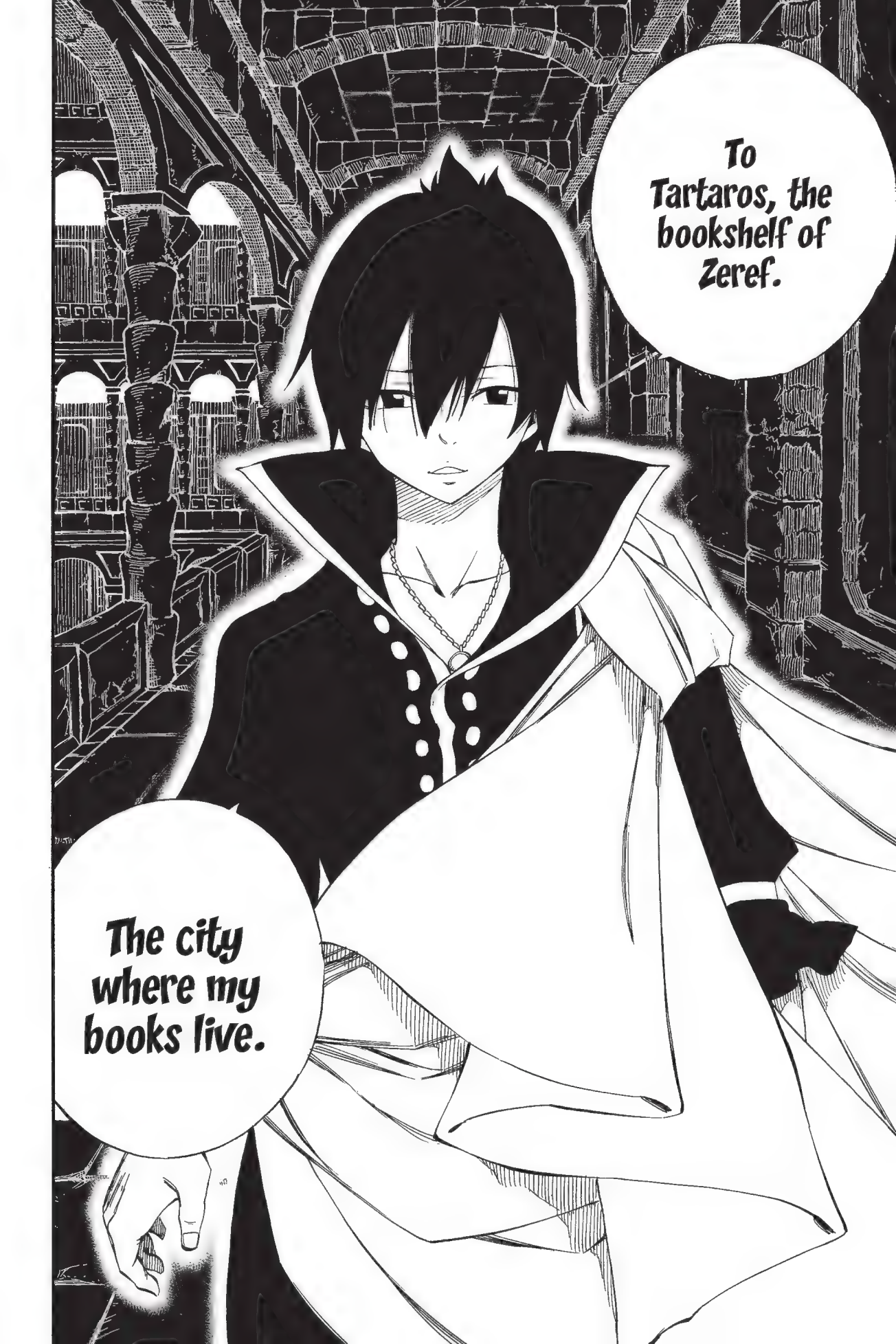


DOGGOOM

**Hyaahh
!!!!**







**To
Tartaros, the
bookshelf of
Zeref.**

**The city
where my
books live.**

FAIRY TAIL



Quattro Cerberus

Name: All the other members

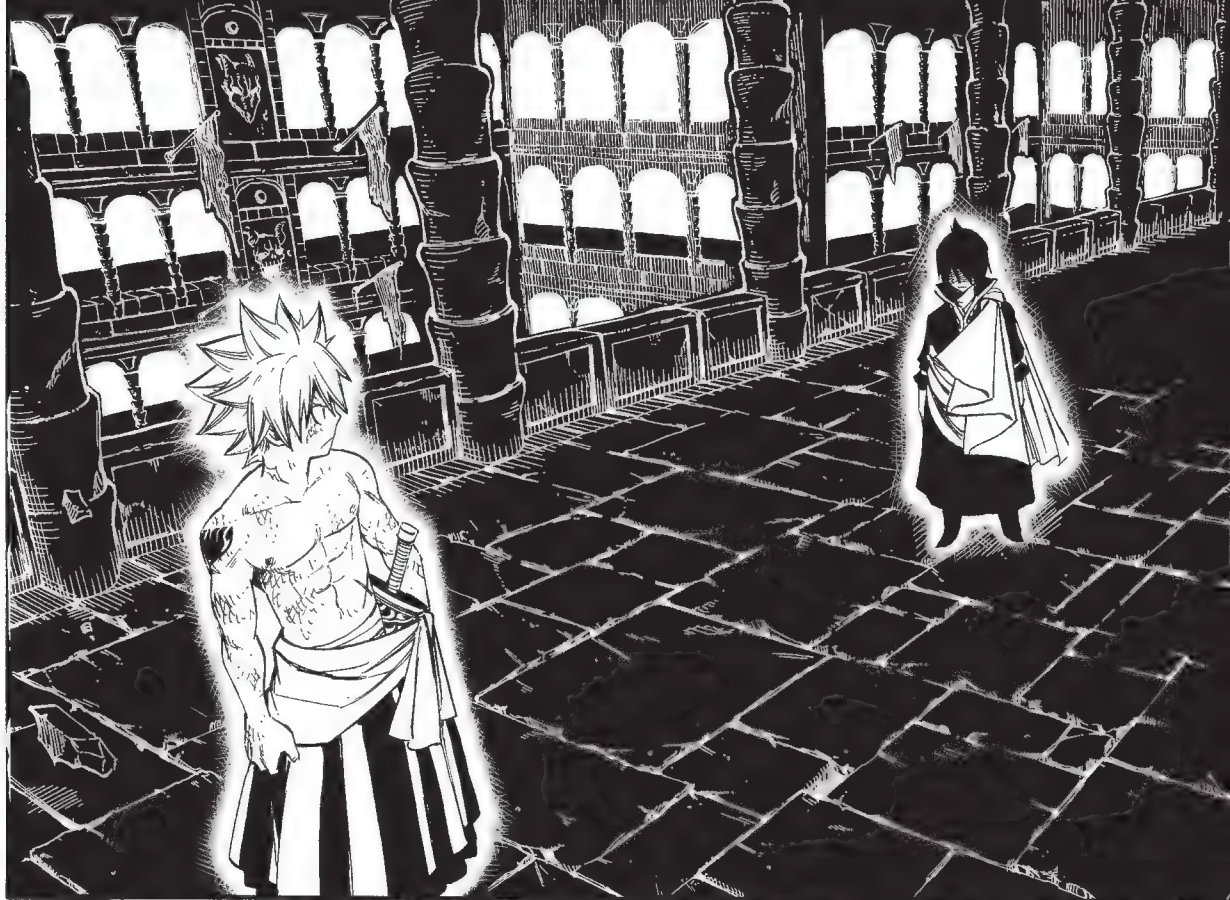
Magic: Stuff

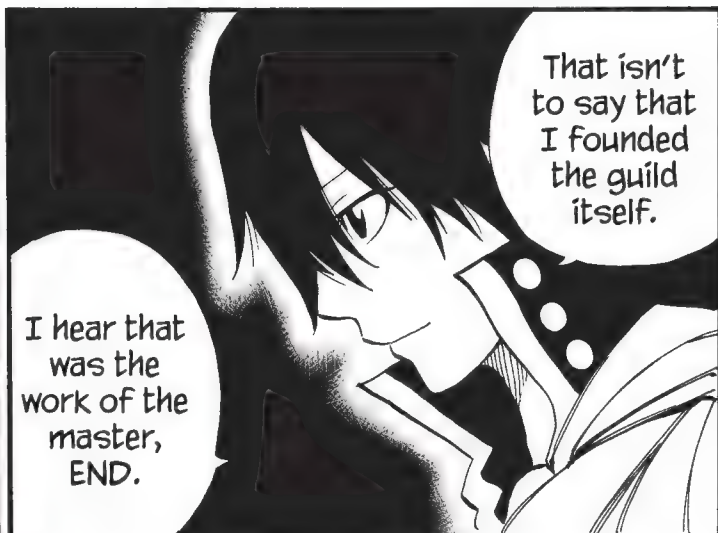
Likes: Other stuff

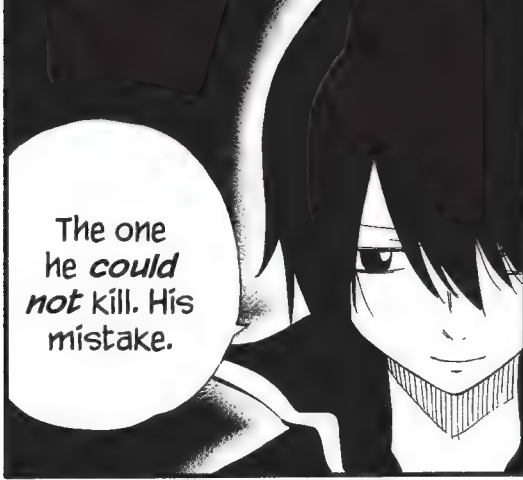
Dislikes:

Remarks

Nothing, really.







The one
he *could*
not kill. His
mistake.



The one
Igneel tried
to kill?




Then I'll
take it
down!!!!

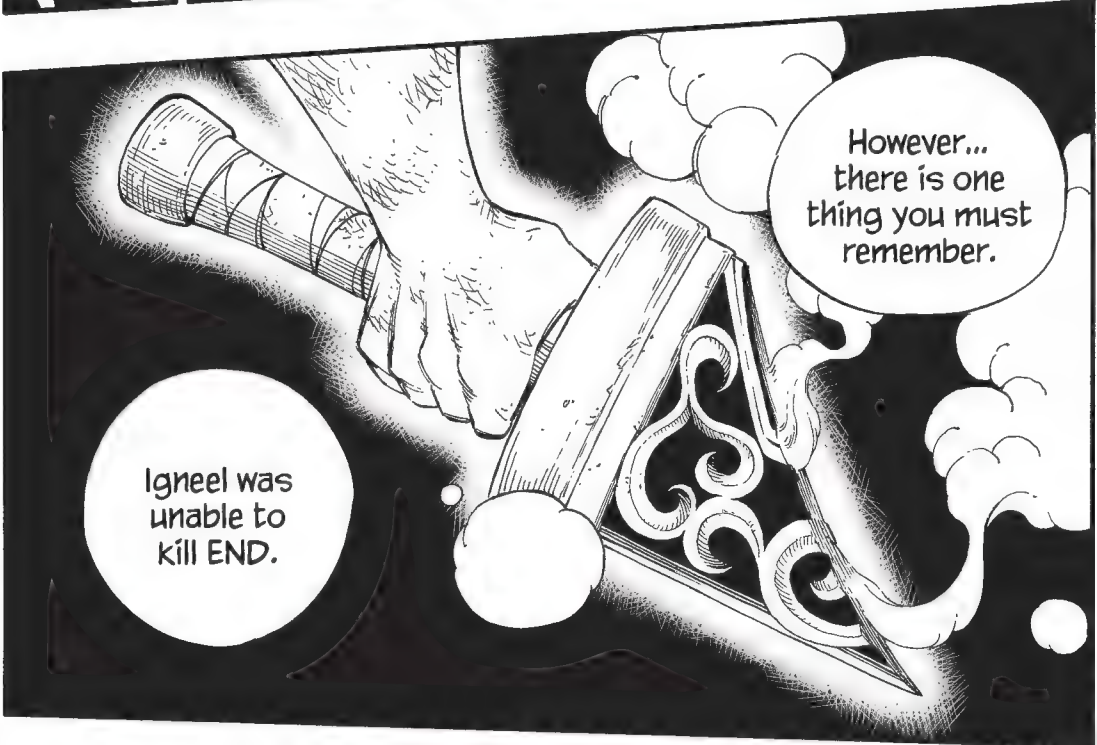
I'll finish
what
my dad
started!!!!

CHANK



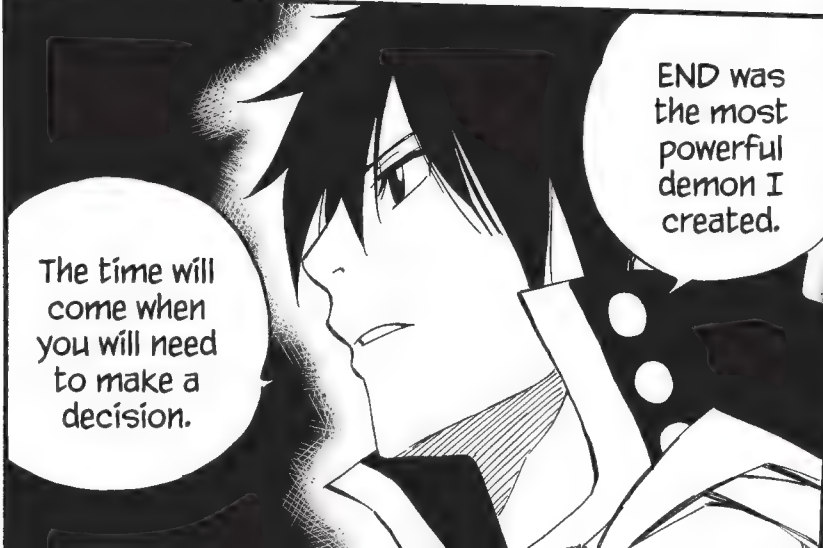


I believe
you
could.



However...
there is one
thing you must
remember.

Igneel was
unable to
kill END.

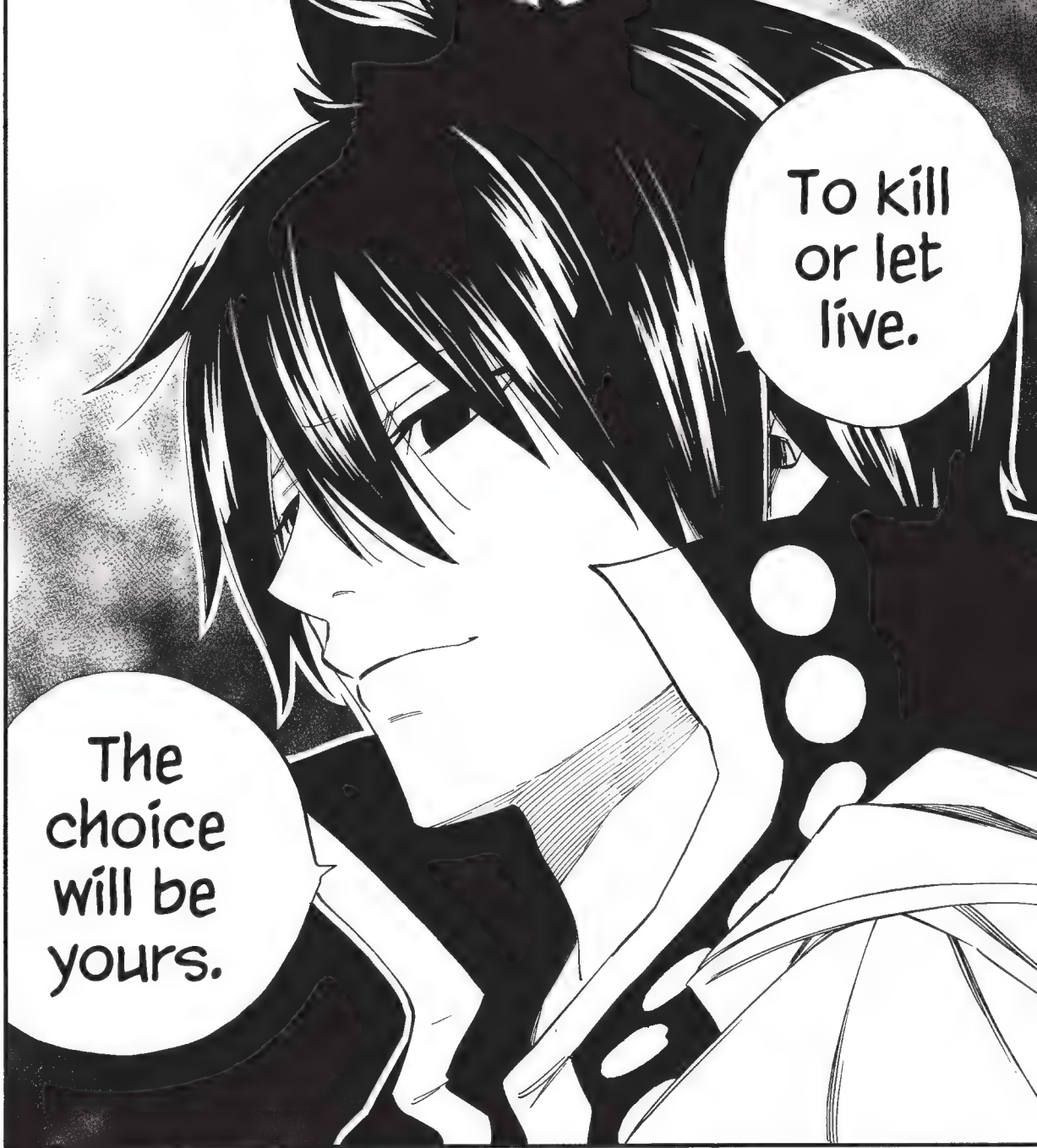


The time will
come when
you will need
to make a
decision.

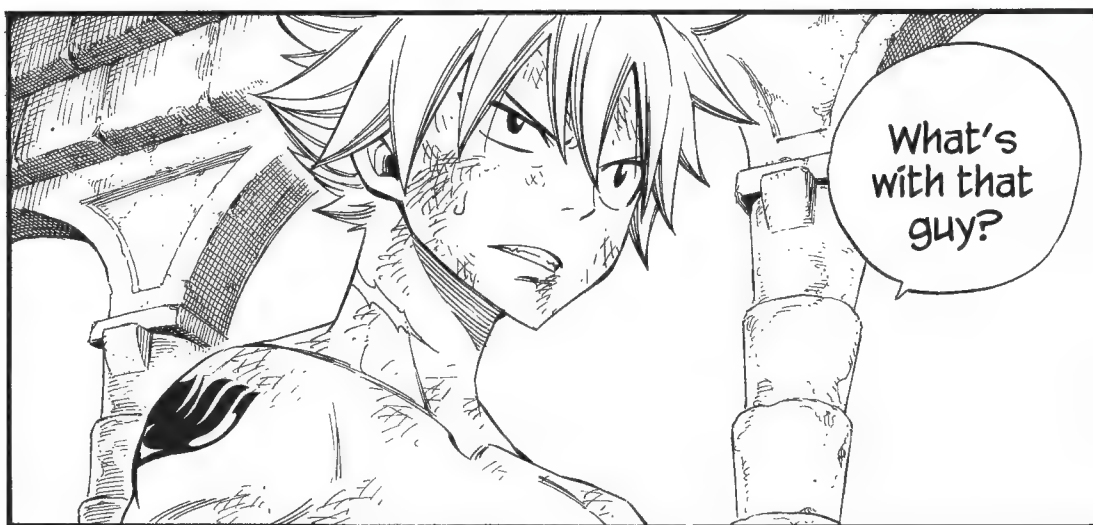
END was
the most
powerful
demon I
created.



Huh?





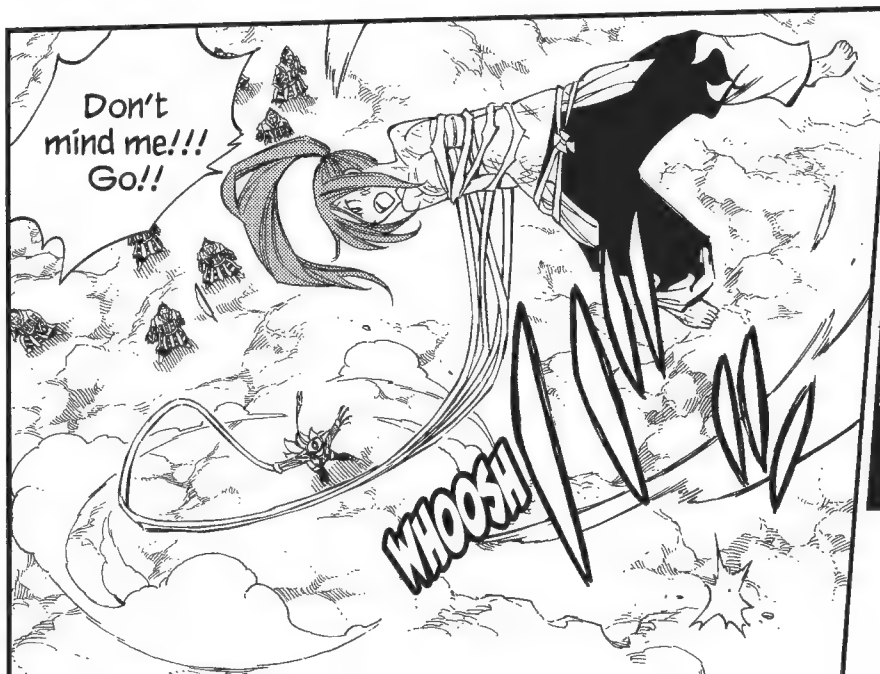
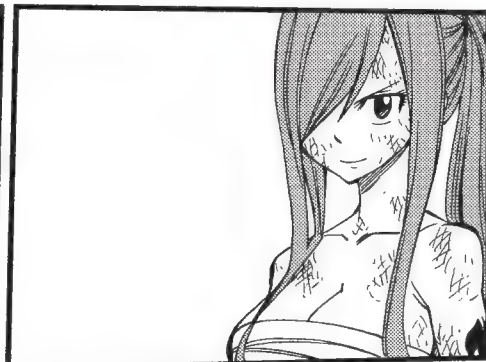
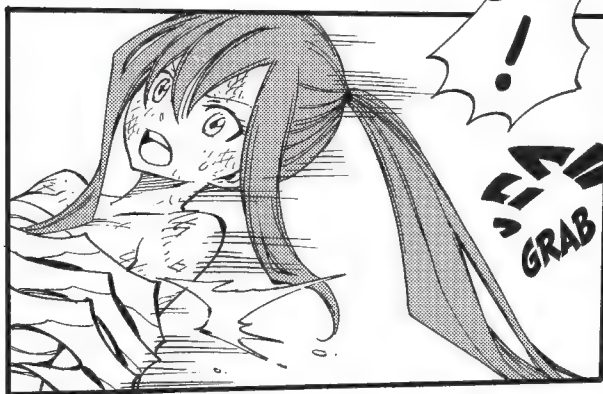




Don't forget
to get blood
from the one
with the Devil
Particles!!



And I'm
gonna save
Mira!!!!





The
wards on
Face are
gone!!!!

We have
to find
a way to
stop it!!!

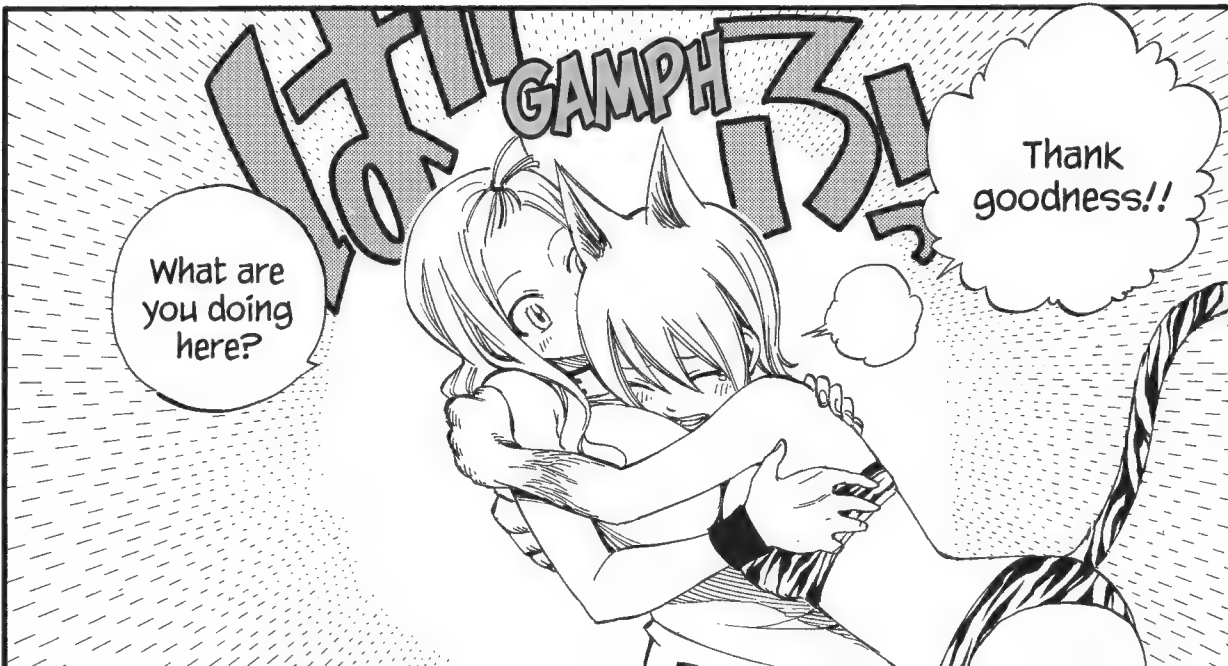
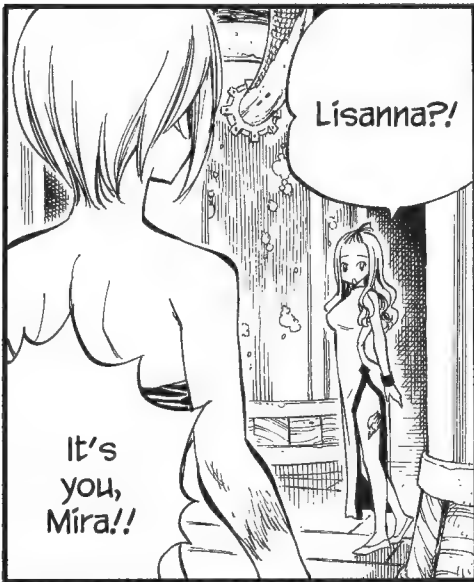
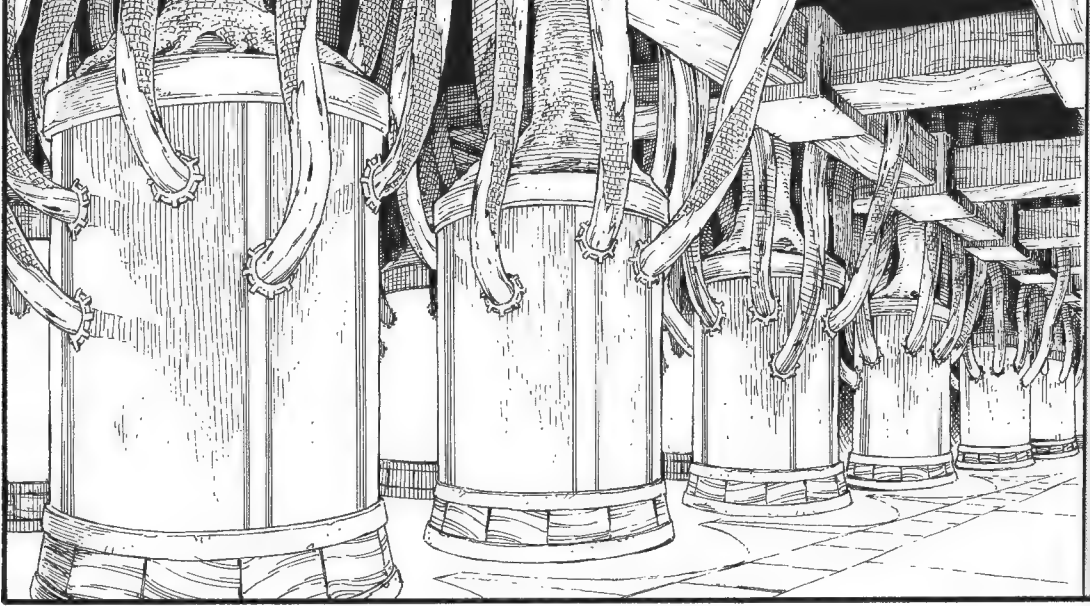


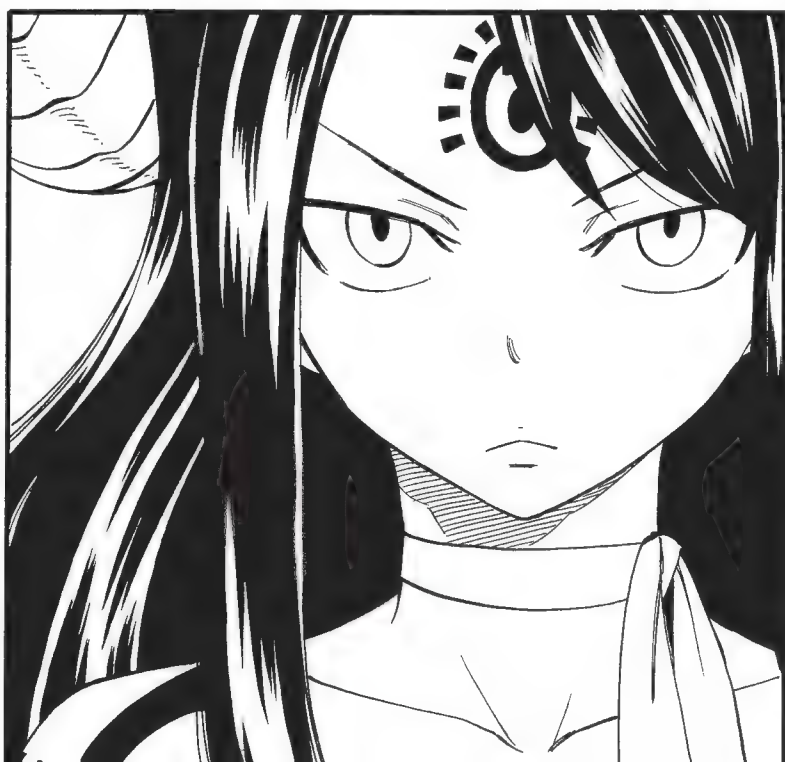
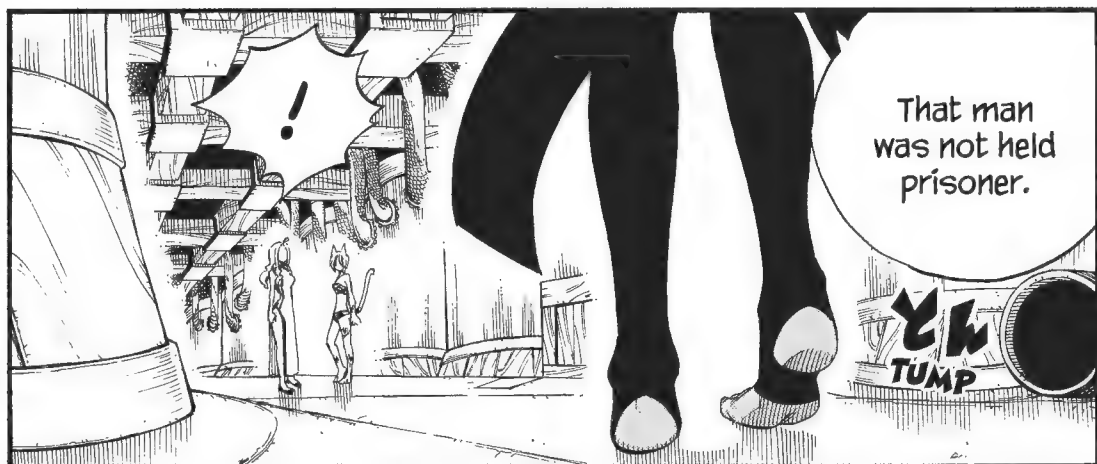
This
one has
grown...

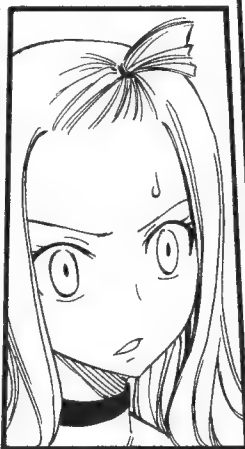
...fond of
you!



I haven't
expressed
my gratitude
enough yet,
have I?



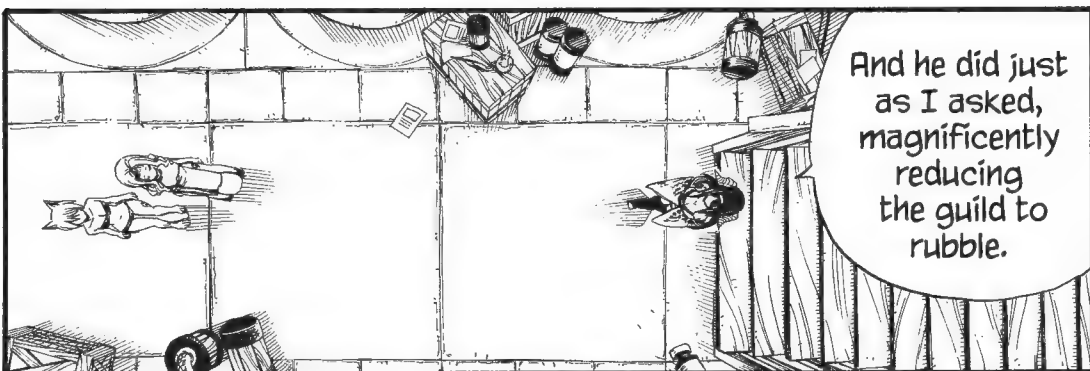




I directed the
one named
Elfman to
destroy your
guild.



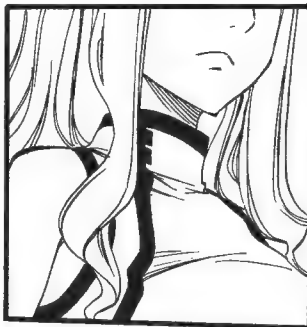
Get back,
Lisanna!



And he did just
as I asked,
magnificently
reducing
the guild to
rubble.

And *that*
man was
to blame!!

I was
humiliated
before
Kyôka-
sama!



However, I failed
to fulfill my
objective... Not
one wizard was
killed.





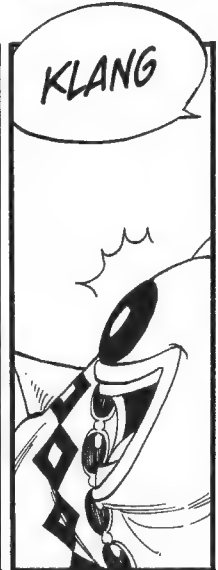
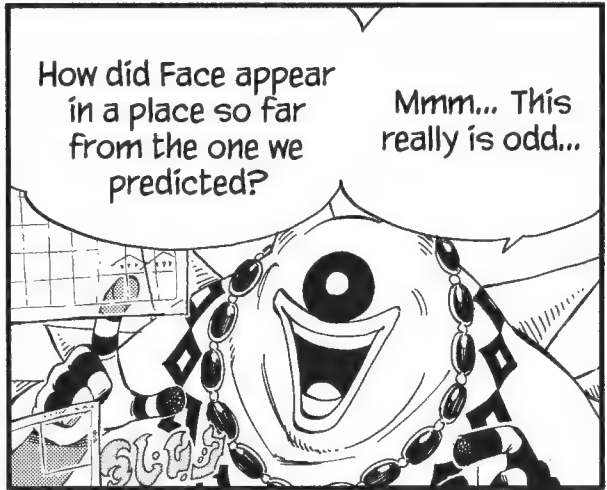
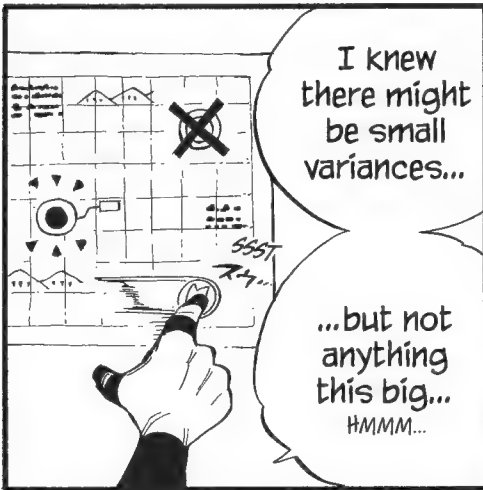
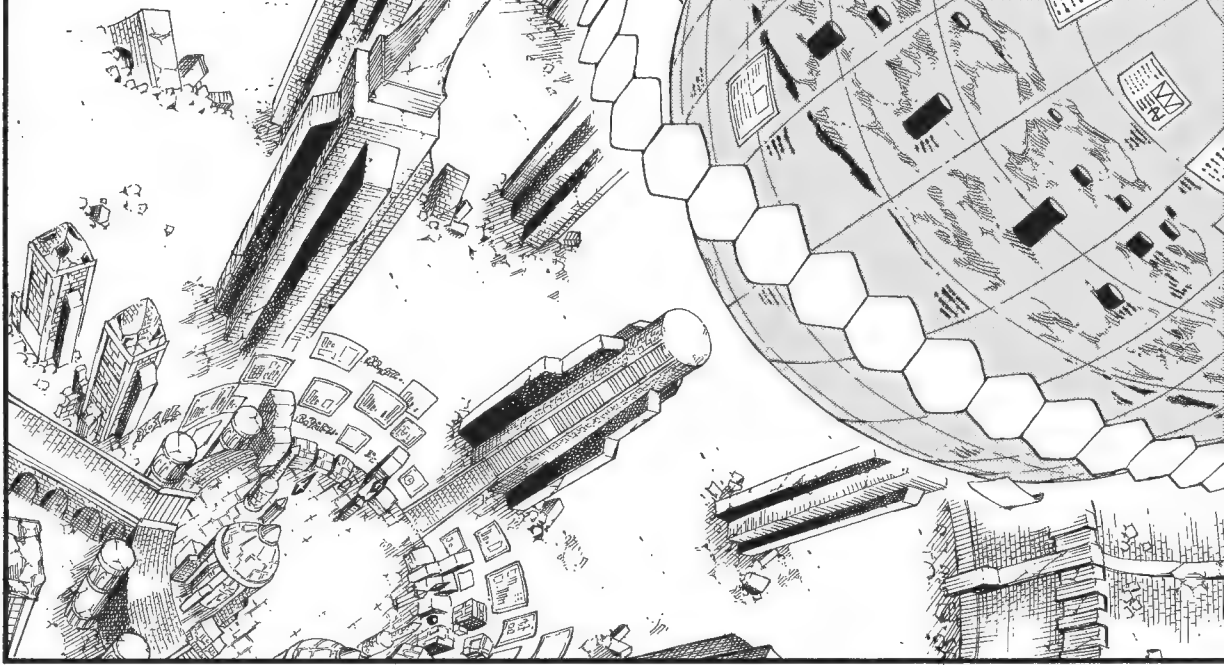
So
I will take
my vengeance
by killing his
elder sister!

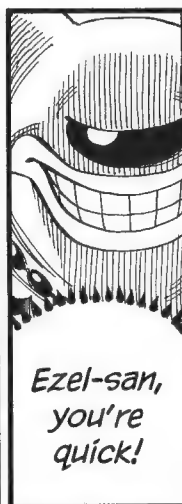
My tale is
unraveling...

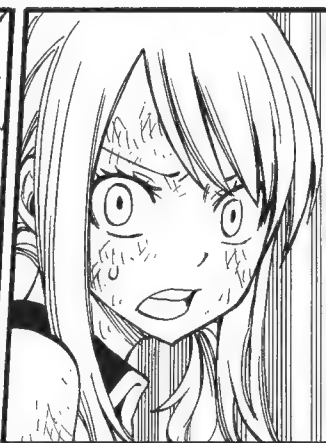
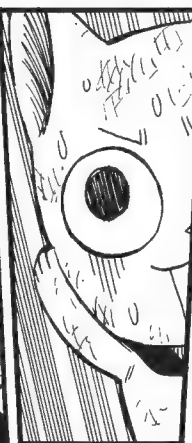


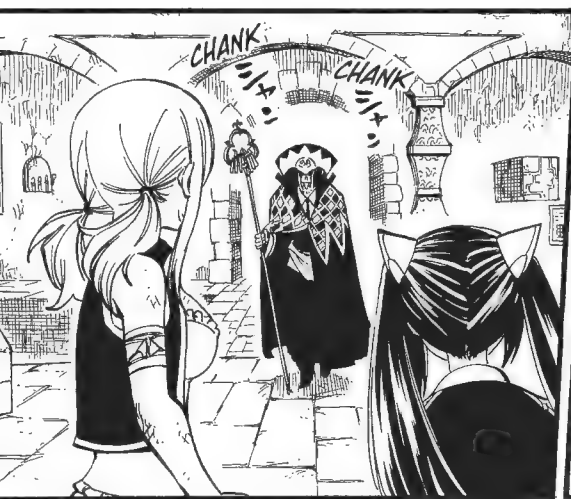
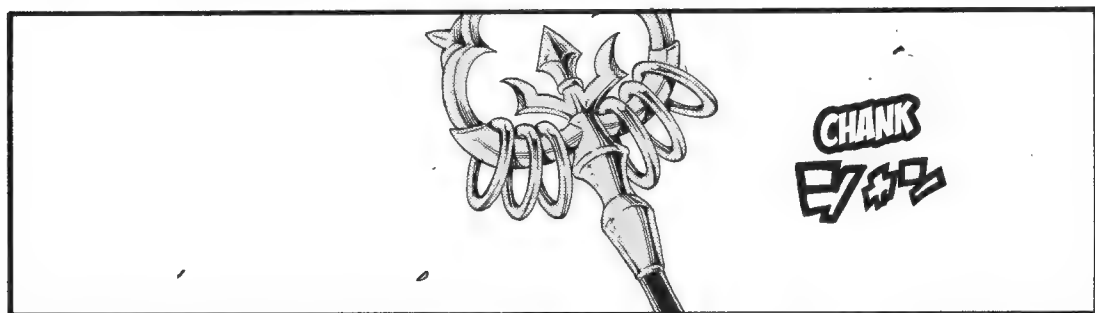
Is that
right?

You did
that
to my
brother?











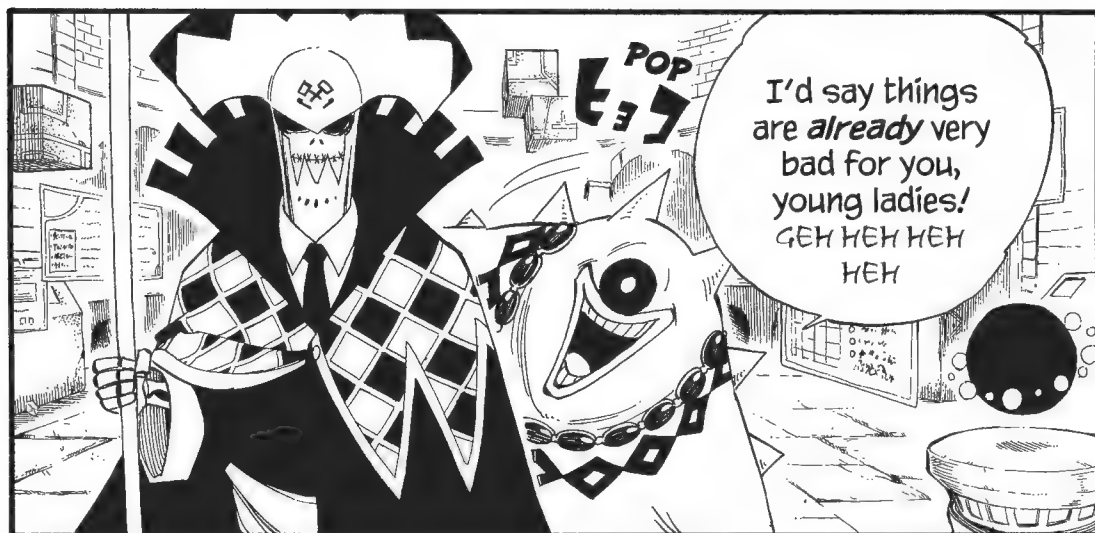
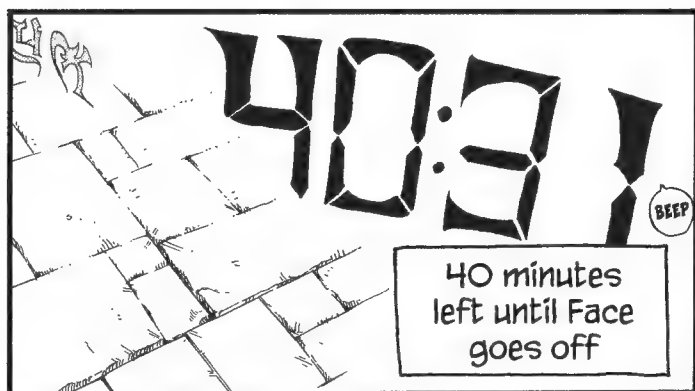
FAIRY TAIL

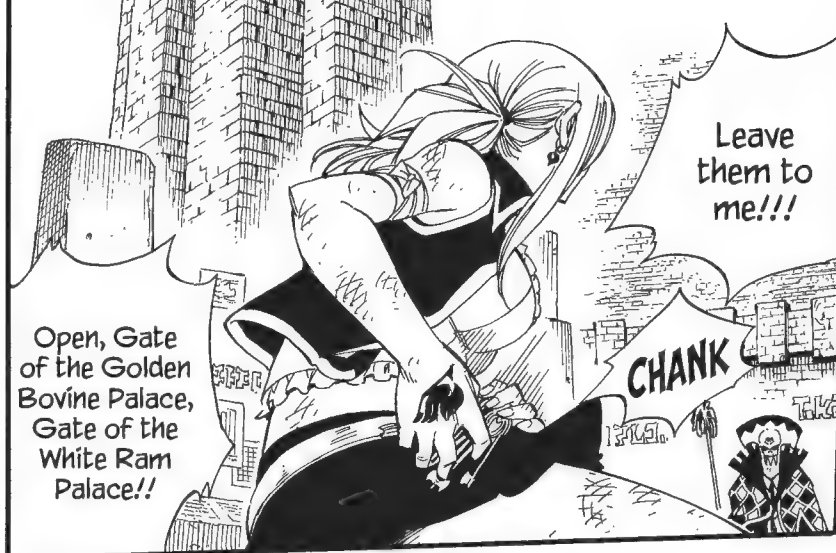
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 374: Revolution









Open, Gate
of the Golden
Bovine Palace,
Gate of the
White Ram
Palace!!

Leave
them to
me!!!

CHANK



There
are two
now?!



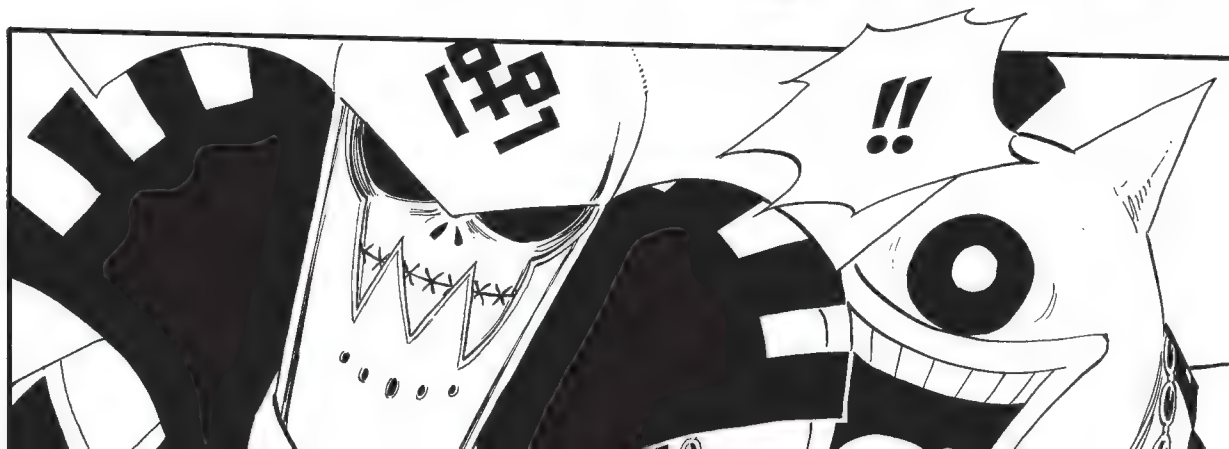
I'll do
my best!
Sorry!

JIGGLE

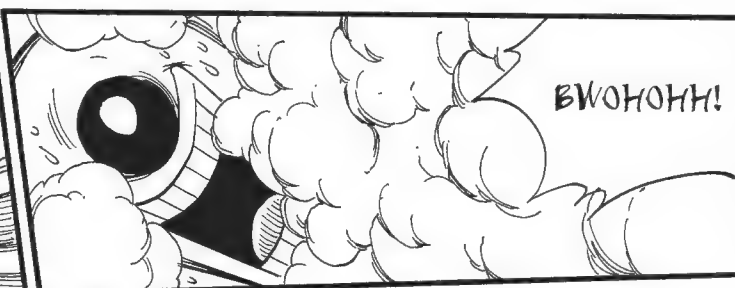
TAURUS
!!!!

ARIES
!!!!

It's my
turn to
mooove!!



!!





In the
Great
Caverns of
Cowbane
Canyon!!

Do
you know
where Face
is?

FWAAH



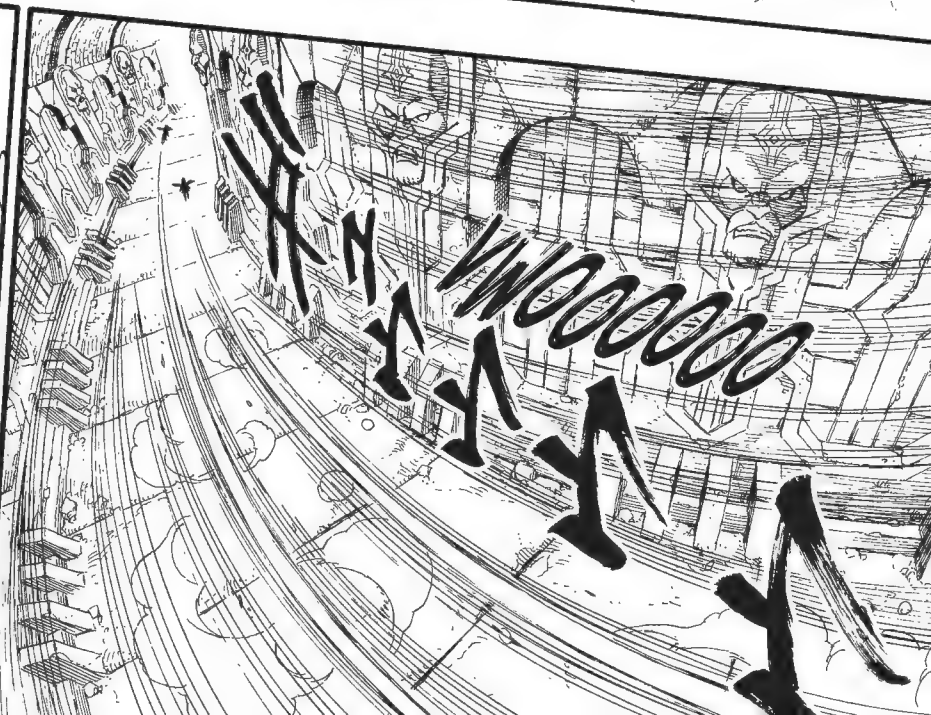
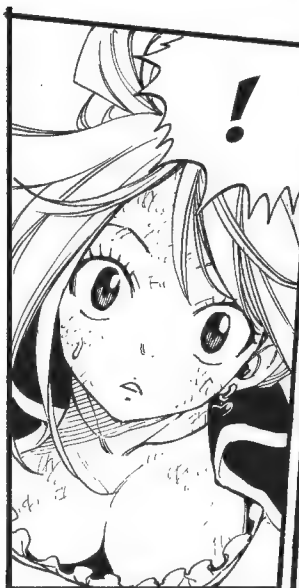
Aye!

Now's
our
chance!



Right
!!!!

Let's
get there
quick
!!!!





No... He should still be in that control room back there!!

Maybe he found a way to cut us off!



Aye, Sir!!!

We're gonna blow past him, Happy!!!!



...the star of destruction's...

Regard...











We meet
again, you
one-eyed
creep!!!!

Natsu
!!!!

BOOM!

Natsu Natsu
!!

He always
comes in and
steals the
scene!

You...
?!!

Face is about
to go off!!!
We can't stop
it from here,
so she has to
go find it!!

Wait, why
are you
guys
here...?

Where's
Wendy going
in such a
hurry?

Thank you,
Natsu-
san!!

They'll be
fine with
Natsu
there!

!!

AAAA
AAAA
ARRGH
!!

But we gotta
rescue Mira
and...

Wha-
?!!!

I know!!
We'll have to
leave Face to
Wendy!!



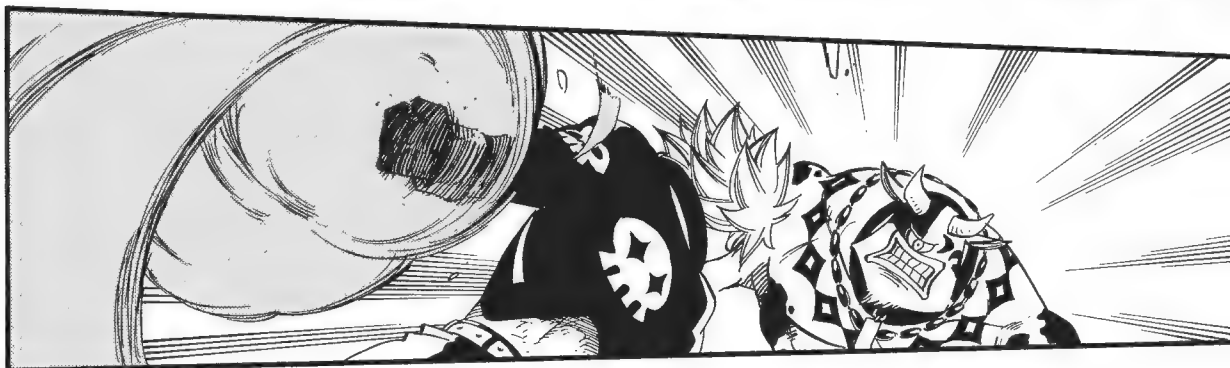




I'll punch
those souls
out of
you!!!!

You
mousey
jerk!!!!

You're
using it
wrong!!



Aries
!!



TO
A
STUPP



Natsu-
san!

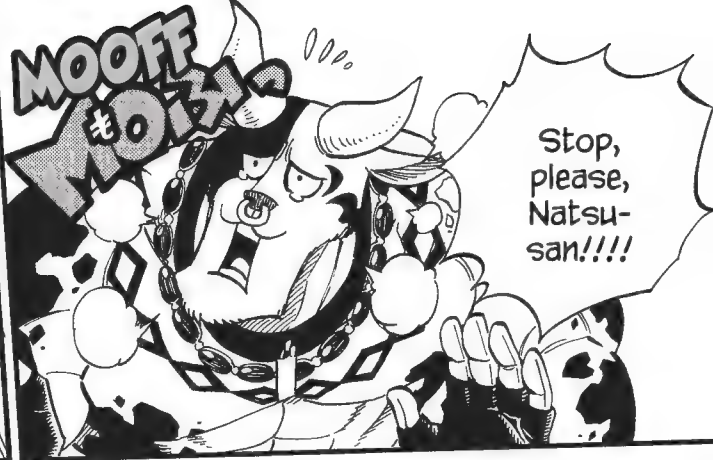


!!
BWAHHH





Taurus
?!



Stop,
please,
Natsu-
san!!!!



Sorry,
but him
I can
hit!!!!

MOOOO
!!



You little
brat!!!!

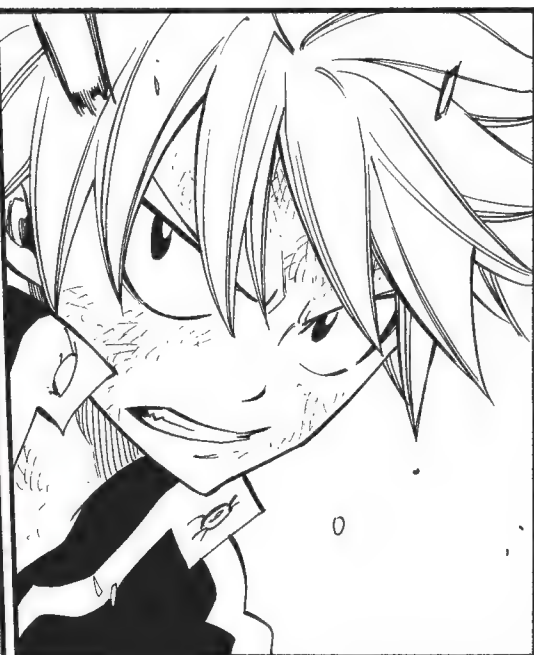


I get how
he feels, but
it *wasn't*
nice.

That
wasn't
nice...



Now I'll show
you the most
valuable soul in
my collection
!!!!



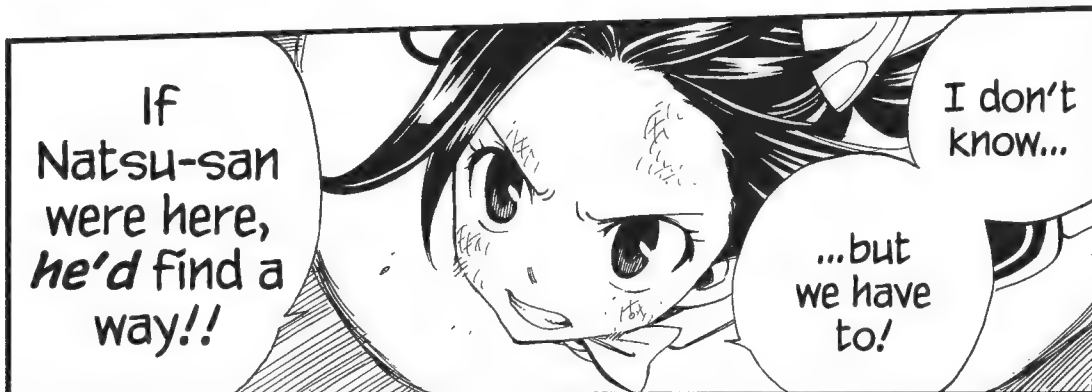
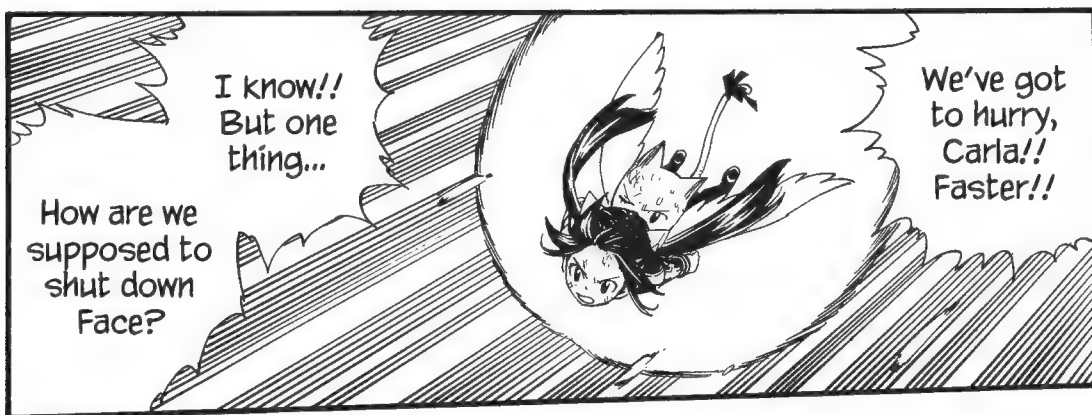
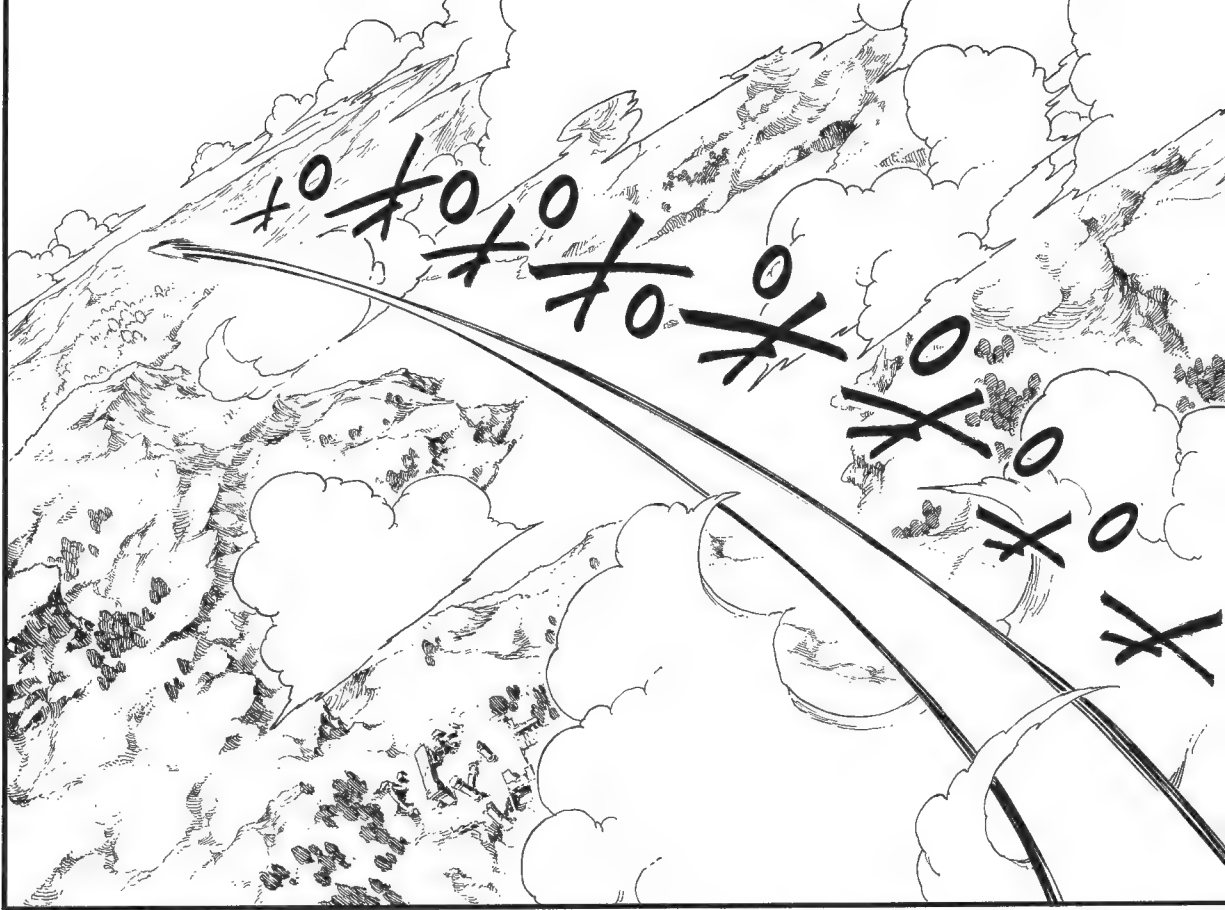


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 375: Herculean Madness







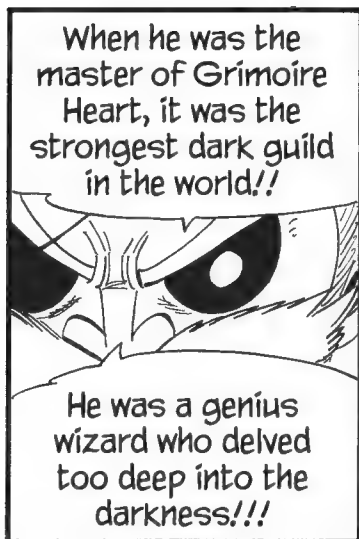
GEH HEH HEH HEH

**Master
Hades?!!!**

*Wait, this
is kinda
weird!!!!*

BOMM

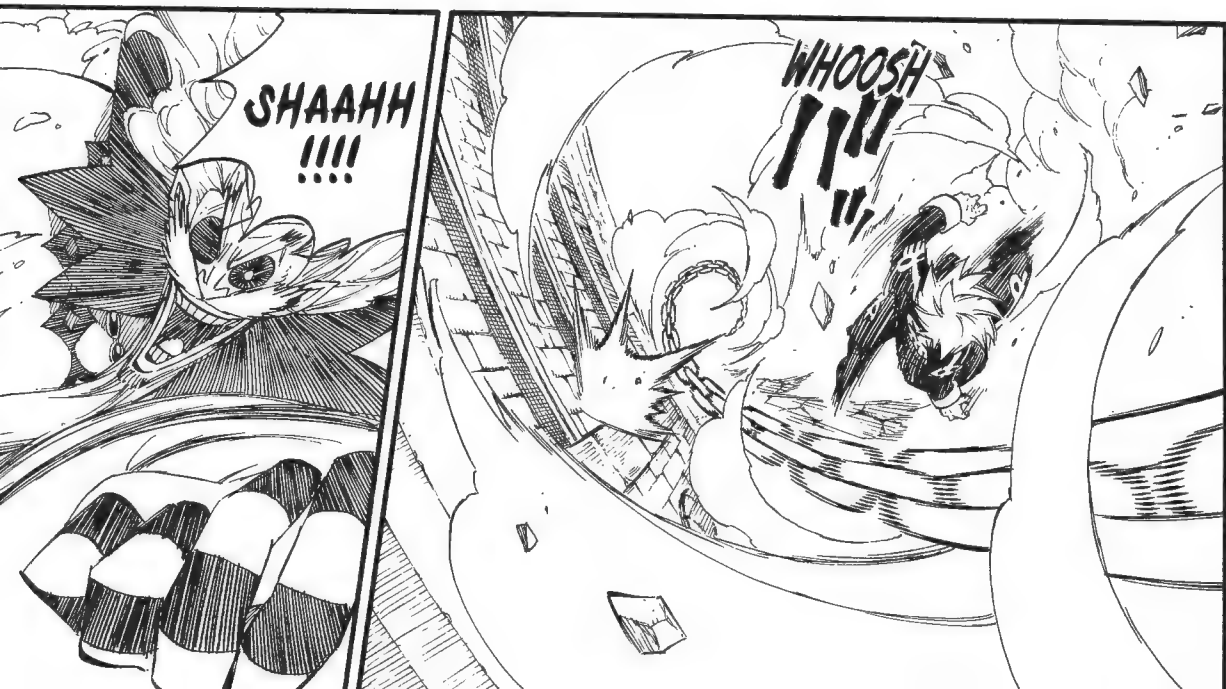
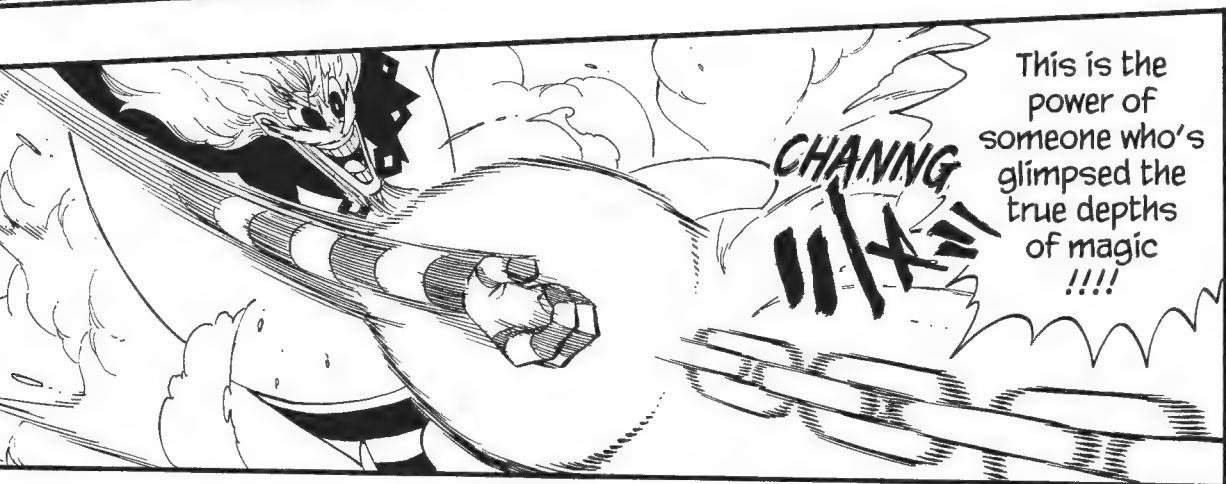
















**Not a
chance
!!!!**

GAH!

DOOM

*Lightning Fire Dragon's



**RAIEN-
RYŪ
NO*...**

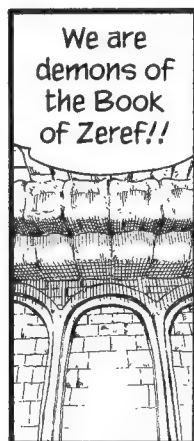
ZWAAH

VZZZT

**RAIEN-
RYŪ
MODE!!!!**



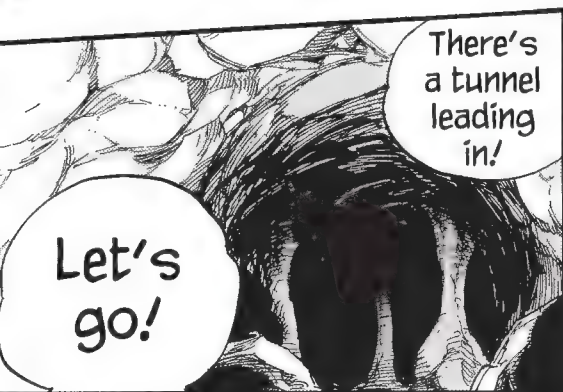




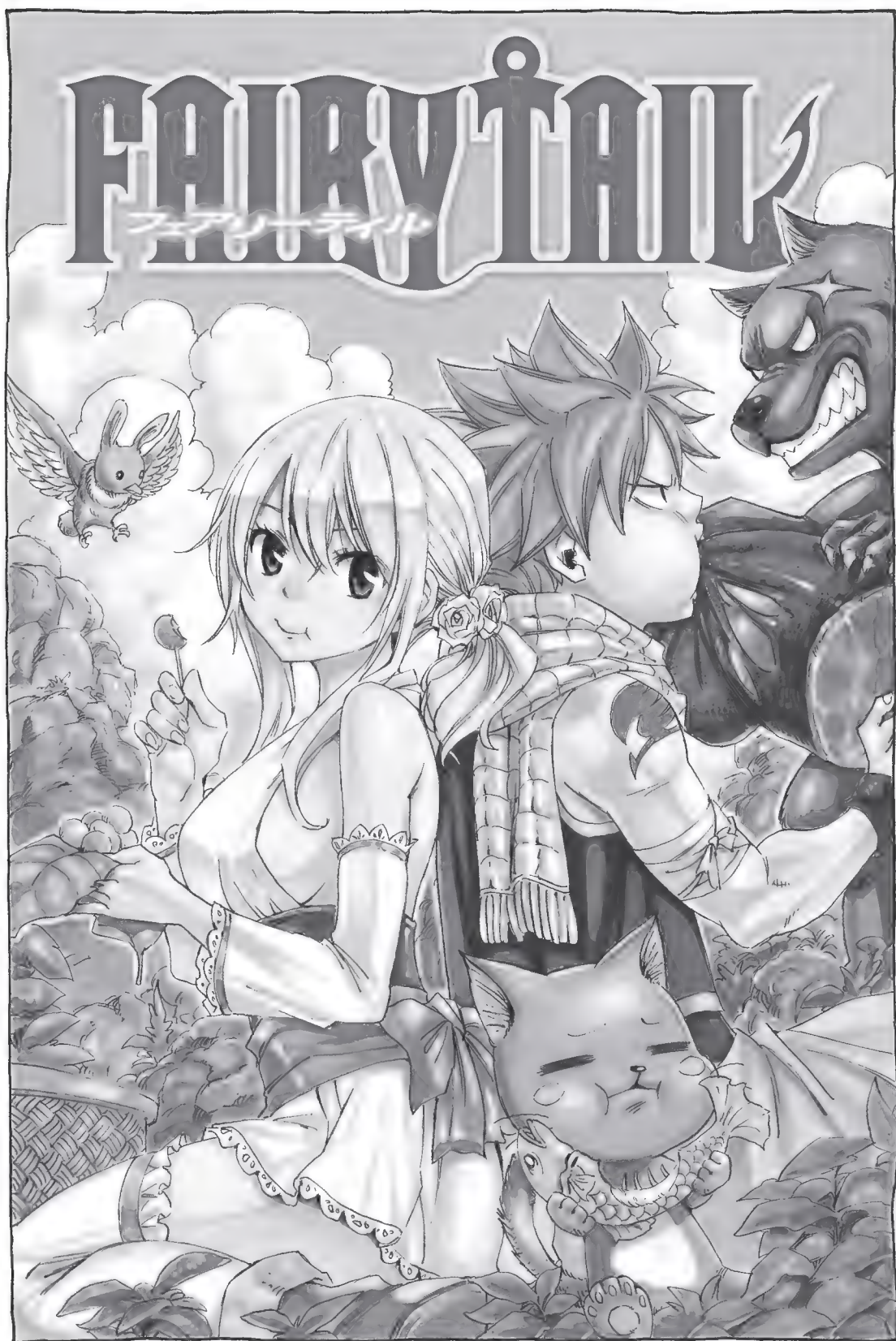












Chapter 376 Wendy vs. Ezel

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PART 2

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Gunma Prefecture, Orange Jelly



▲ Whoa!
Cute! I'm kinda digging Erza here!

▼ The Tartaros arc is really heating up!! Who will play the next big part?



Aichi Prefecture, Mayu Matsunaga

▼ This is the volume where Wendy really shows her stuff!!



Ibaraki Prefecture, Sayaka Kimura

Tokyo, I'm Black Butler!



▲ Really cute! Sometimes drawing it square-ish is kinda nice!

REJECTION CORNER

Whoa!!
This guy is way over-reacting, but... he's right. The world needs rejections too.



Kyoto, Kotone Asano



▲ Hey, a Rave/Fairy Tail collaboration! Brings back memories! Thank you!!

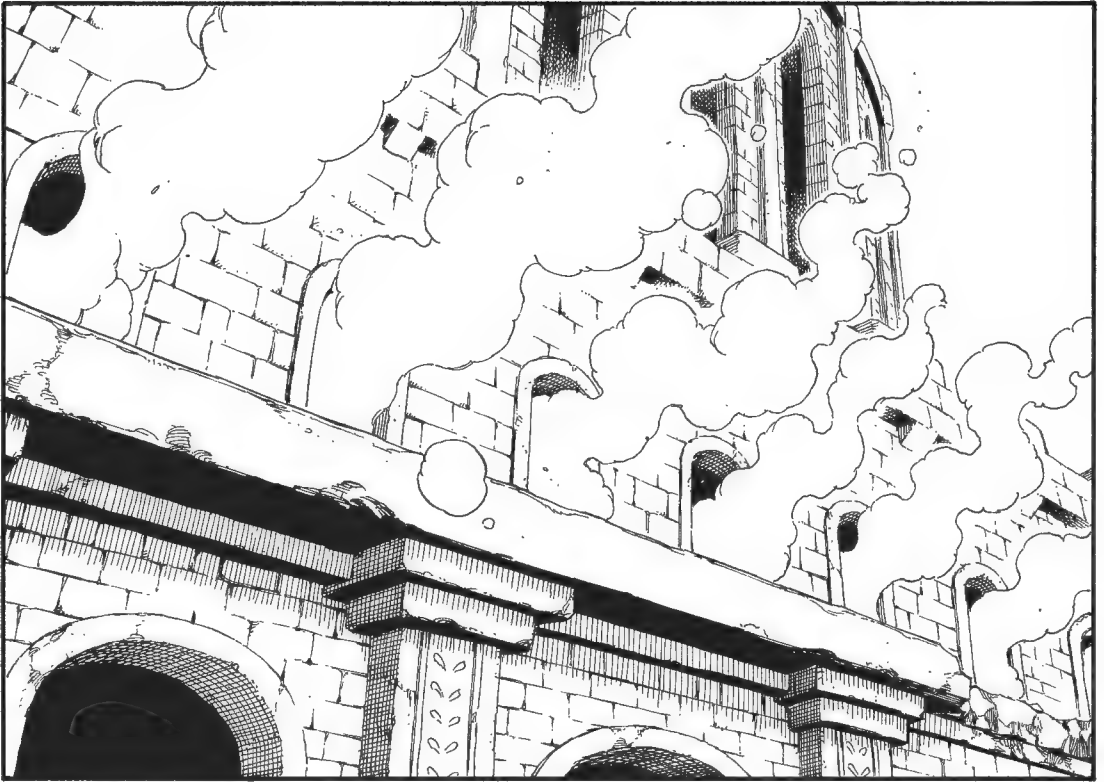
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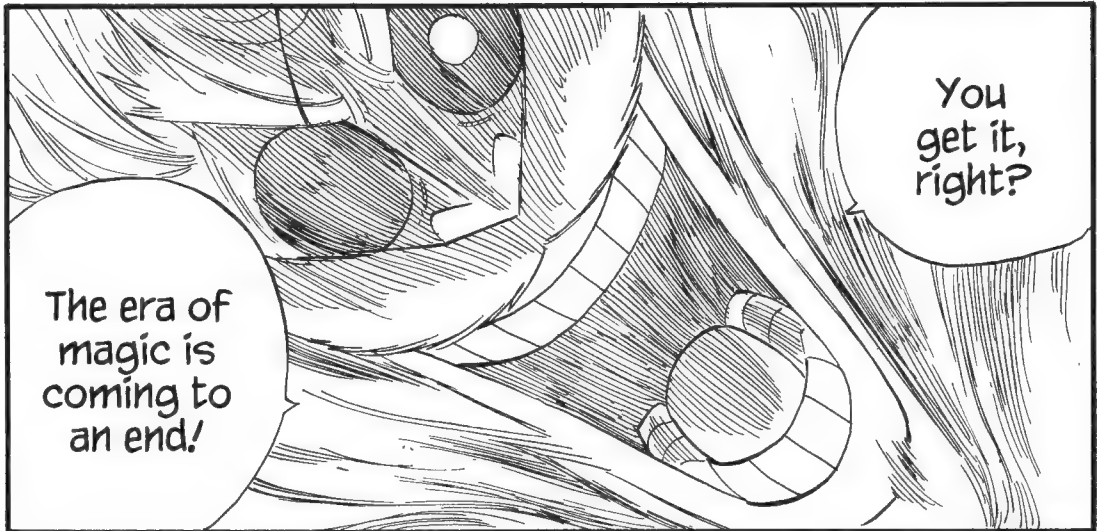
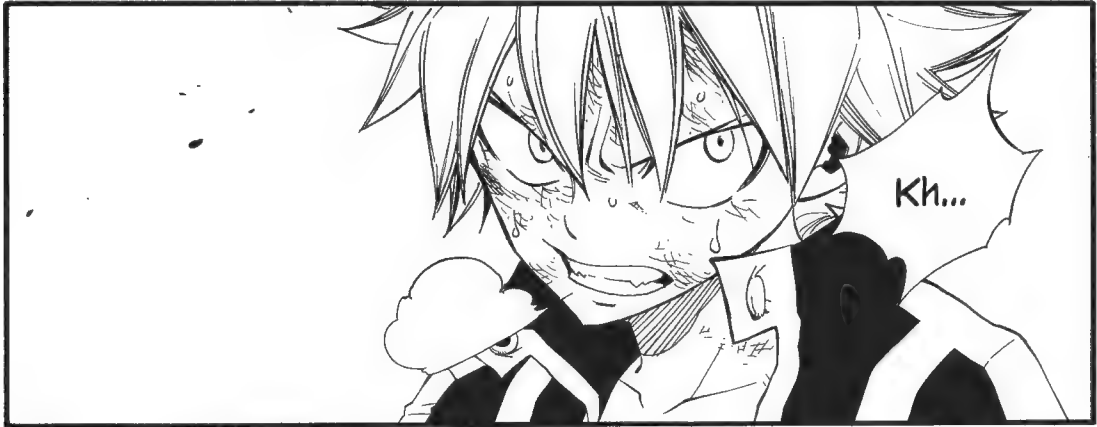
Hokkaido, Seiya Yokoi

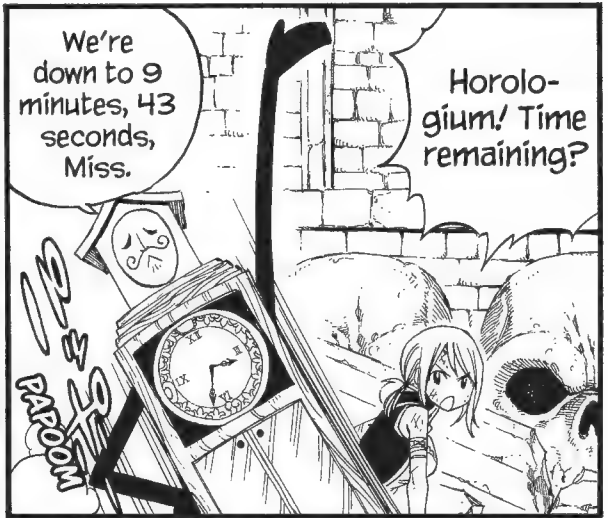
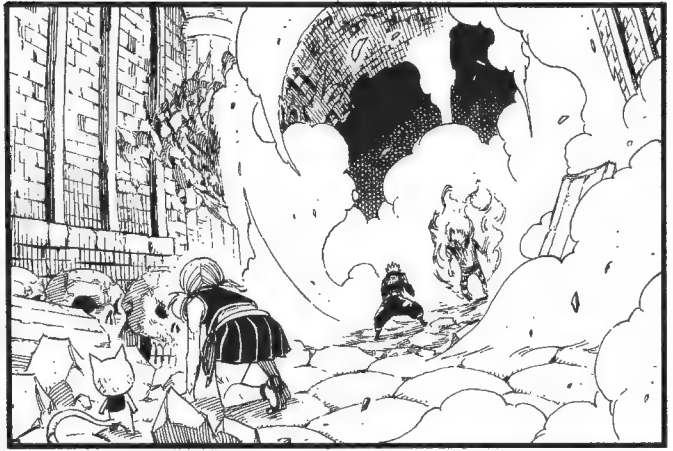
Tottori Prefecture, Haruna Sato

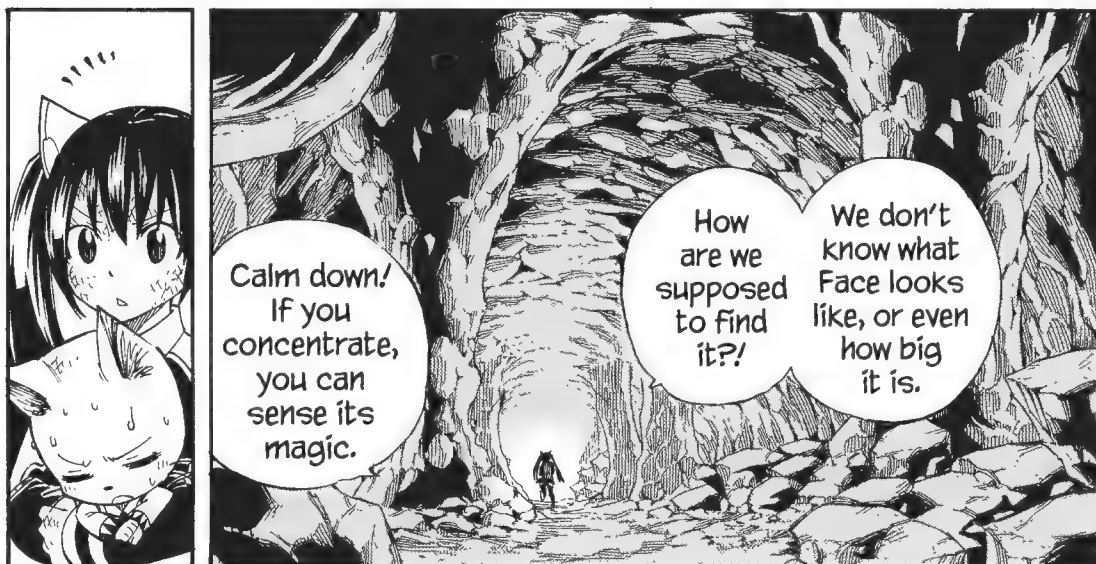
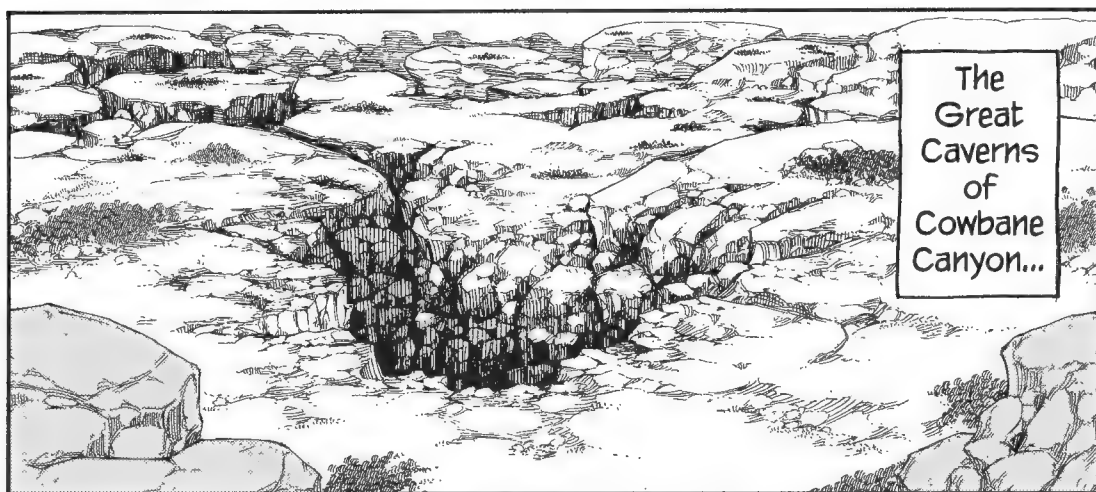
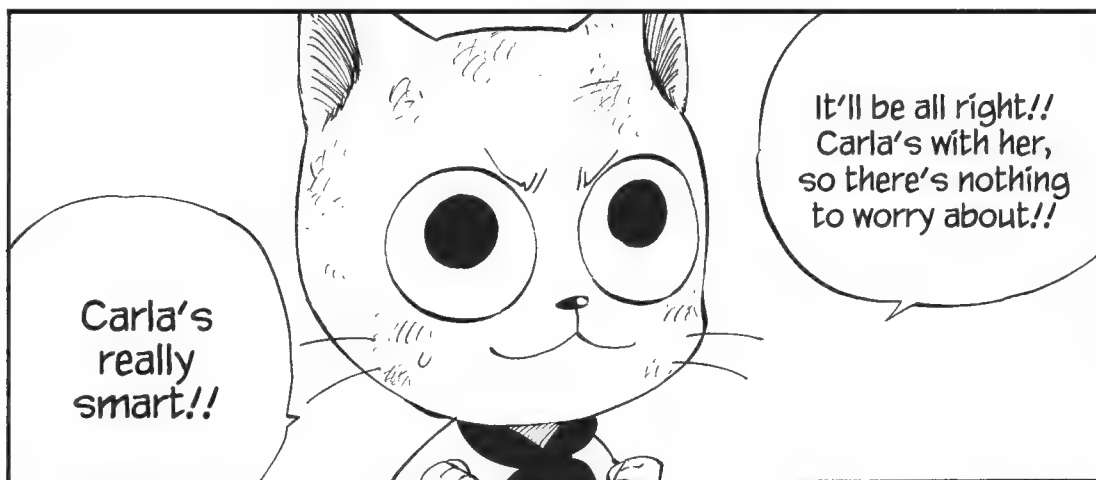


▲ If you're a Mavis fan, you should check out Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine!!





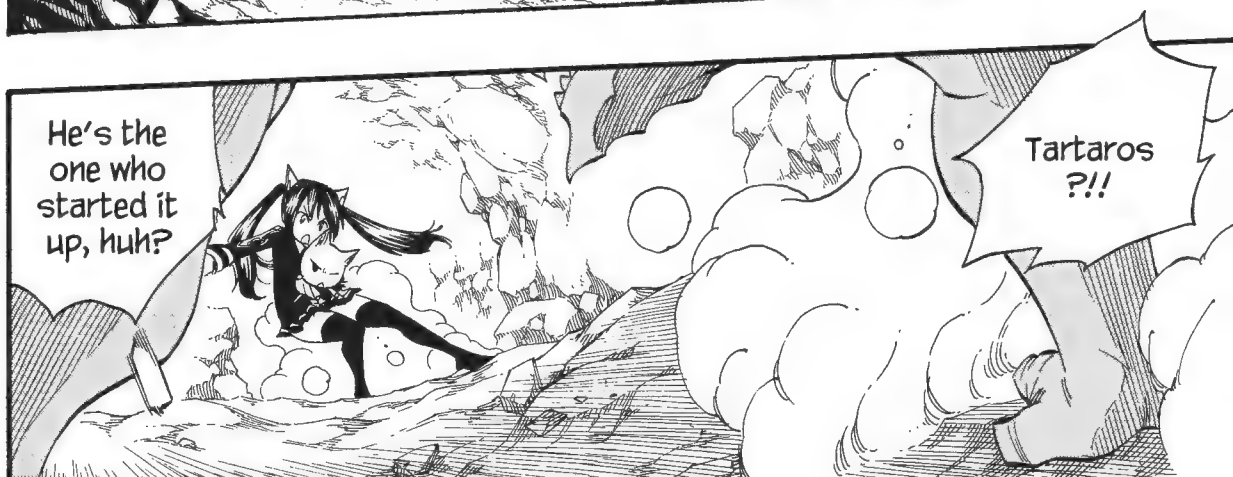
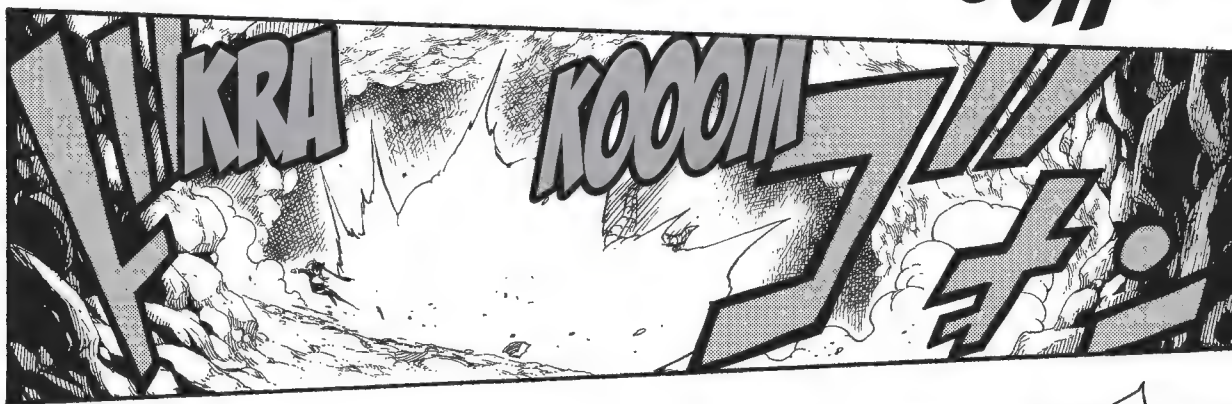








She just *had*
to stick me
with a petty
task like
this!!!!



He's the
one who
started it
up, huh?

Tartaros
??!



You'd better
just run!!
You can't
take him on
alone!!

What'll I
do?! I don't
have time to
fight!!



Boost combat
abilities versus
all types!!
DEUS CORONA!!!!

Boost all
physical
attributes!!
DEUS EQUUS!!!!



I can't
outrun him!!
I have no
choice!!!

Wendy,
no!!







*Sky Dragon's Talons

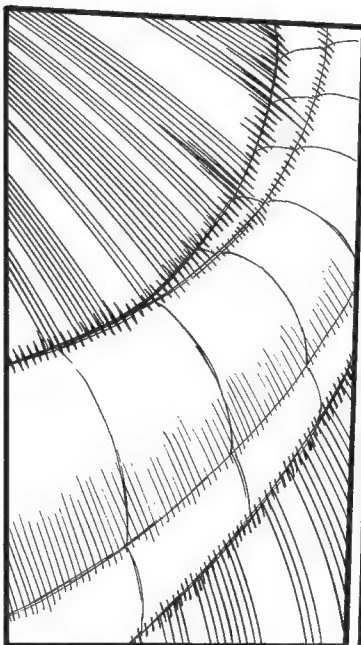




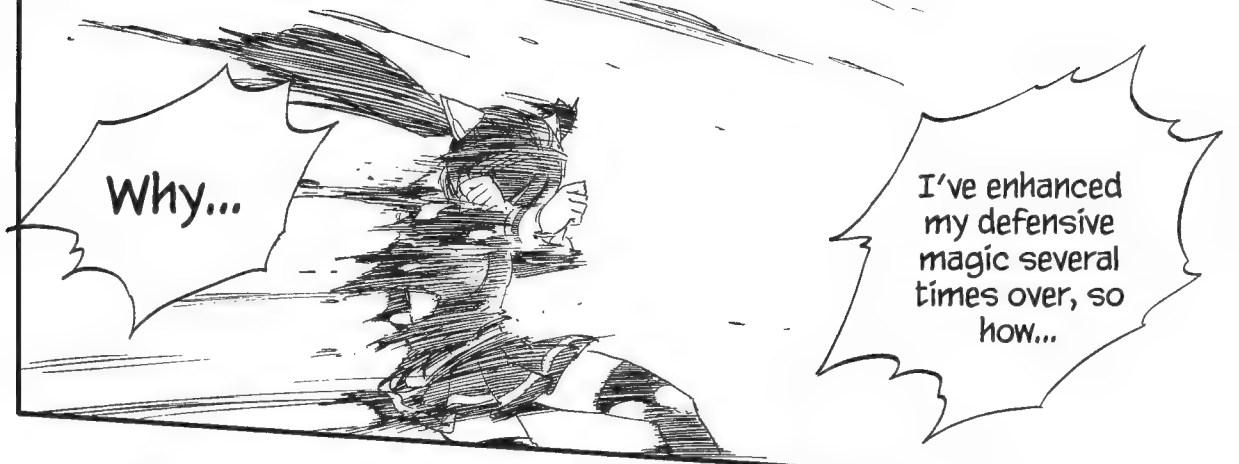
*Five Swords Under Heaven

**A famous Japanese sword.













괴물

This is Face!!



Five minutes until it goes off...

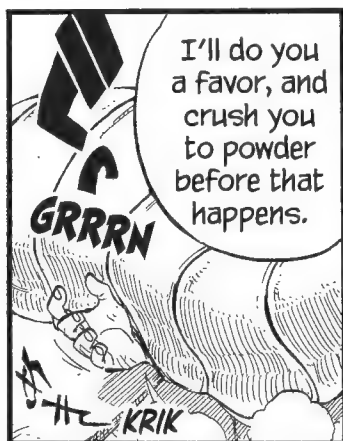
It stinks so bad.

And this close, the air is packed with ethernanos!!



Paving the way for our curse power to rule the world!!

But think about it! Those magic particles are just about to steal away all the magic on the continent...



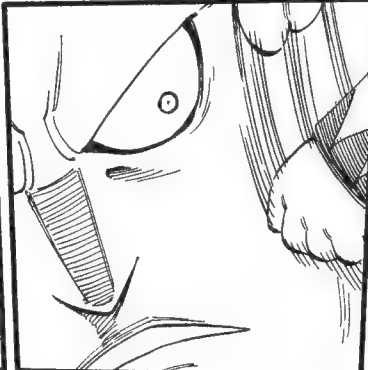
I'll do you a favor, and crush you to powder before that happens.

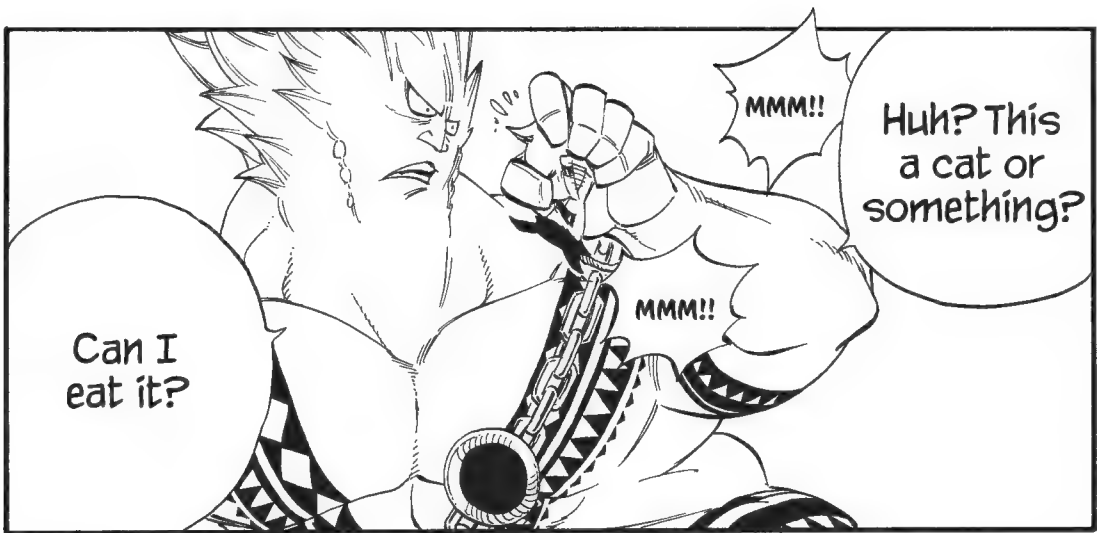
GRRRN



Urgh...

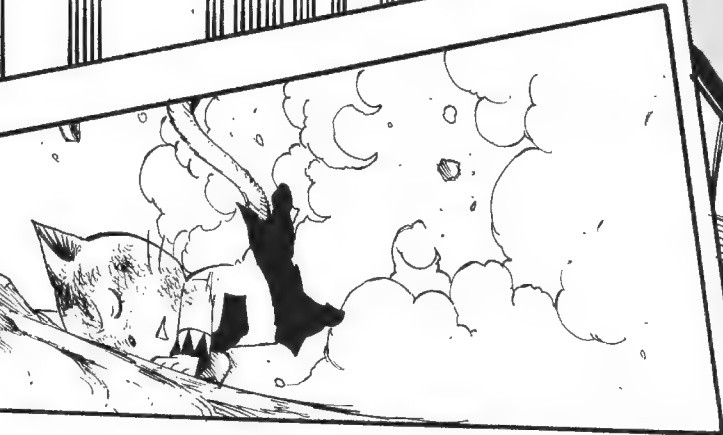
Ur-urn...







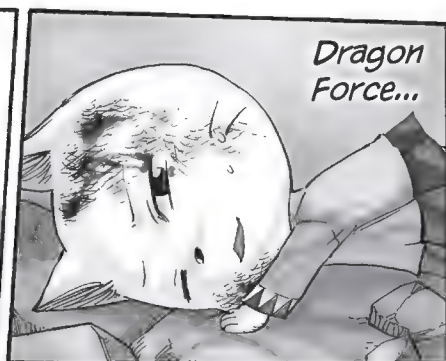
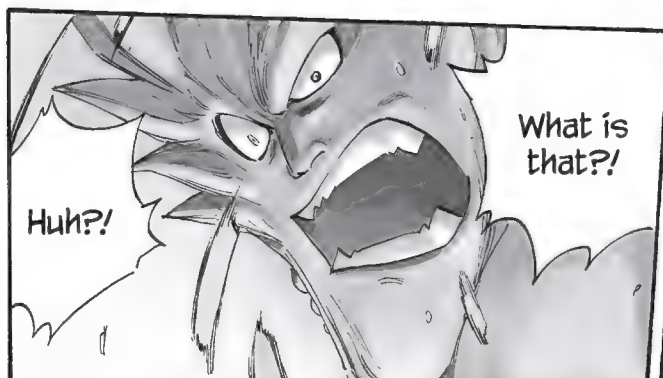
What
...?!!



Wendy was
always weak
and afraid,
but now...

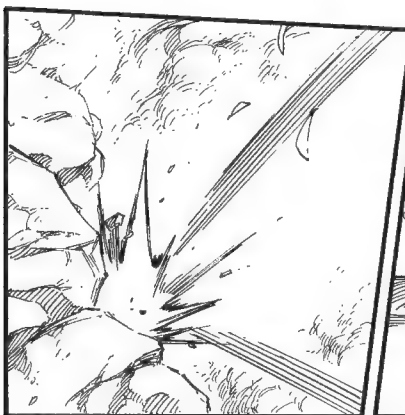


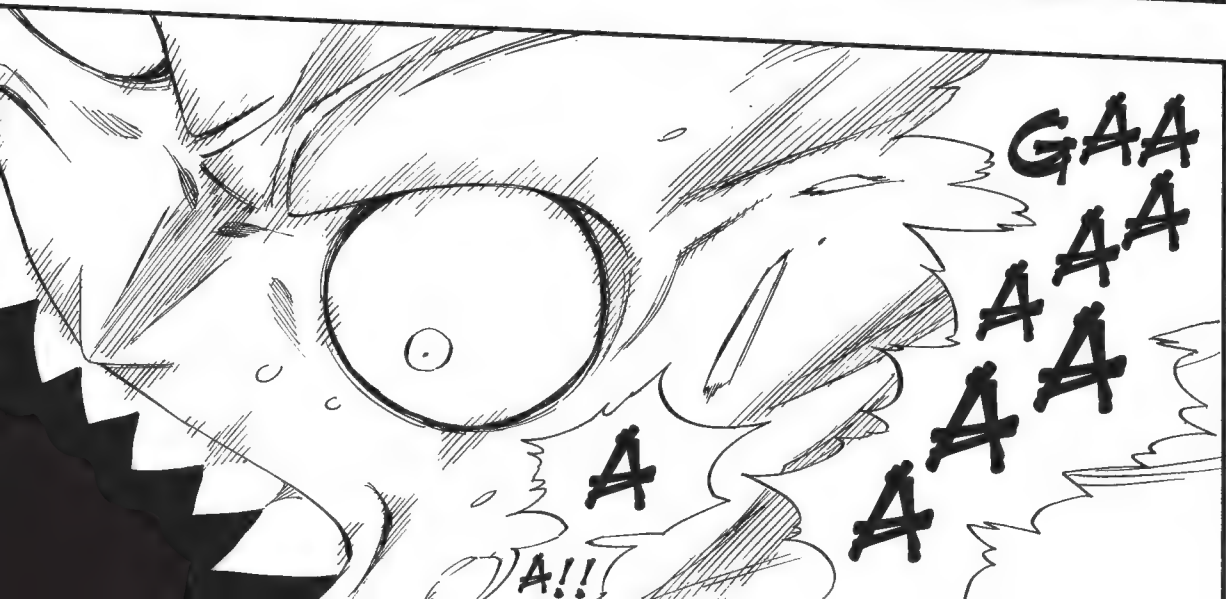
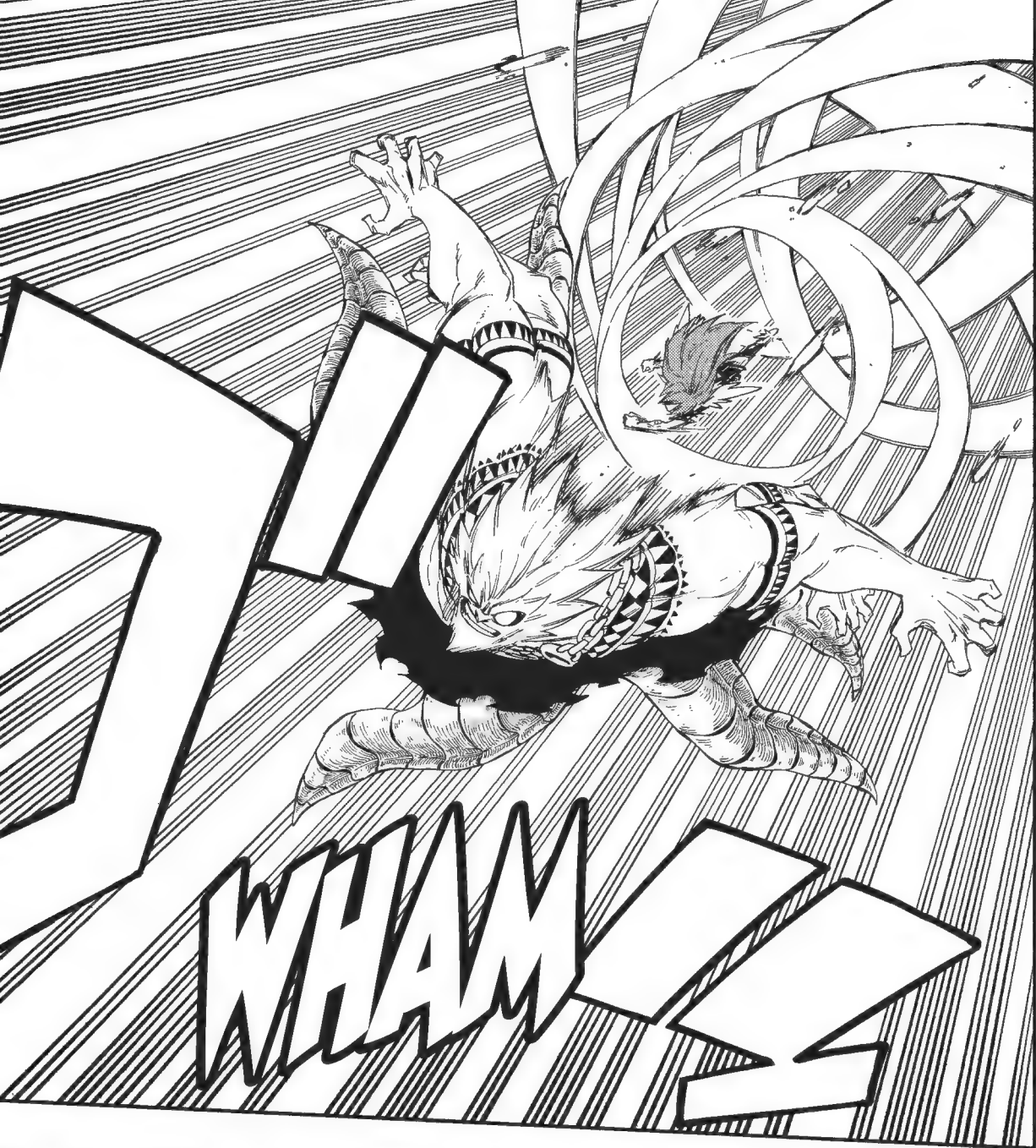


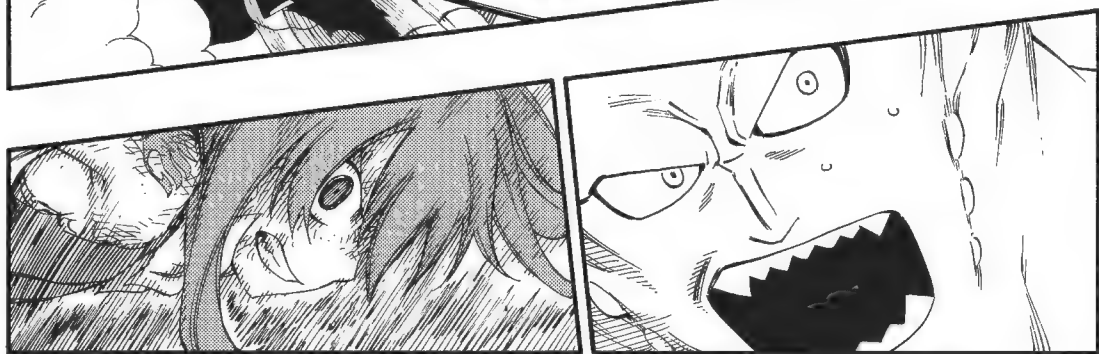


Chapter 317: The Sky Dragon's Rage















...can cut
through
anything
and every-
thing!!!!

My
curse
power,
Yôtô*...

*A word for any sword that has unnatural powers.

ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT
Mika-
zuki*
!!!!
ZWATT

*A famous Japanese sword.

Wendy
!!!!

SHA

SHÔHA:
TÊN-
KÔSEN*
!!!!

KOOON







...the
air in
here!!!!

SWOOSH

... control...

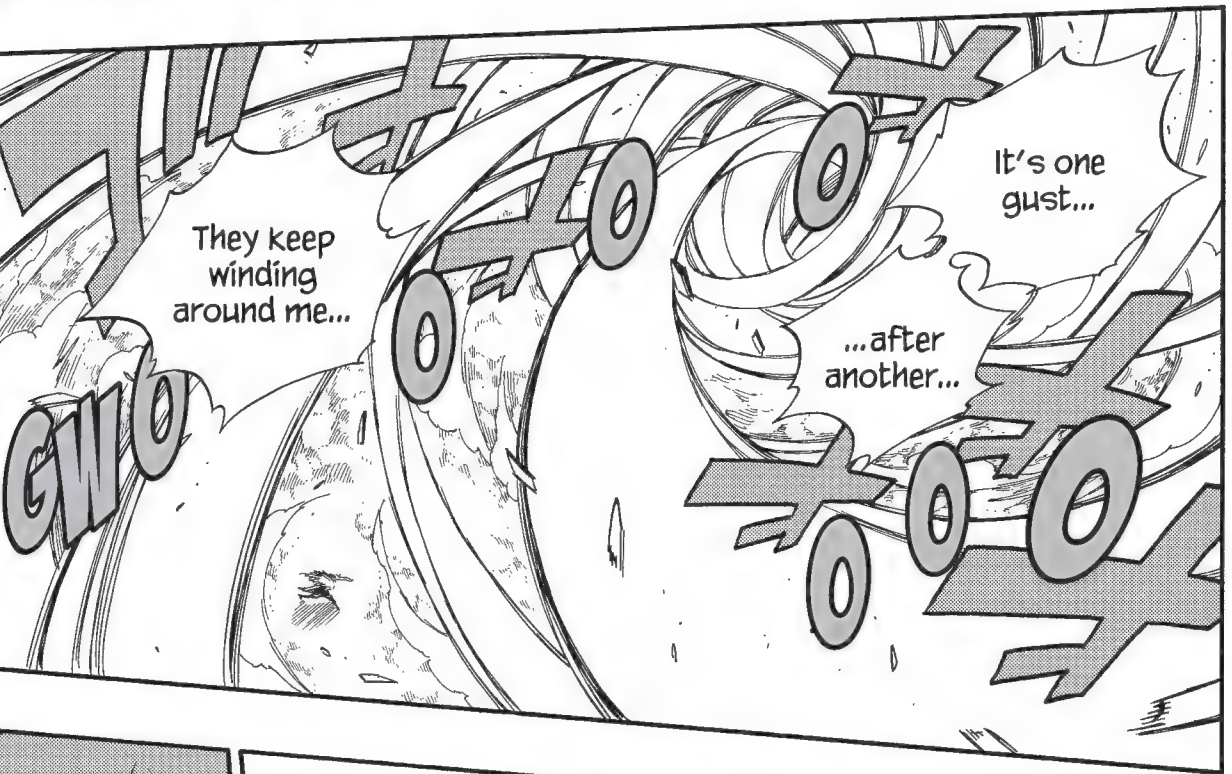


FWOOOOHH

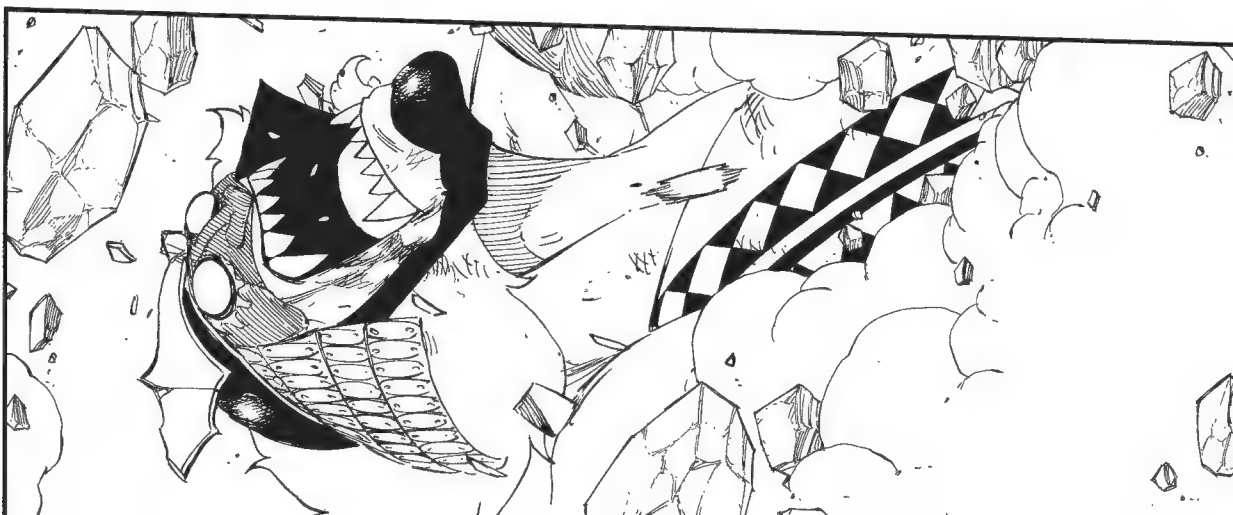
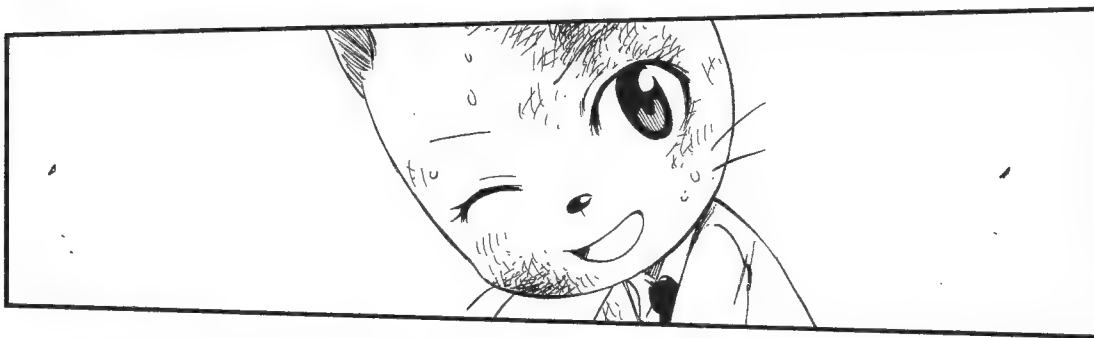
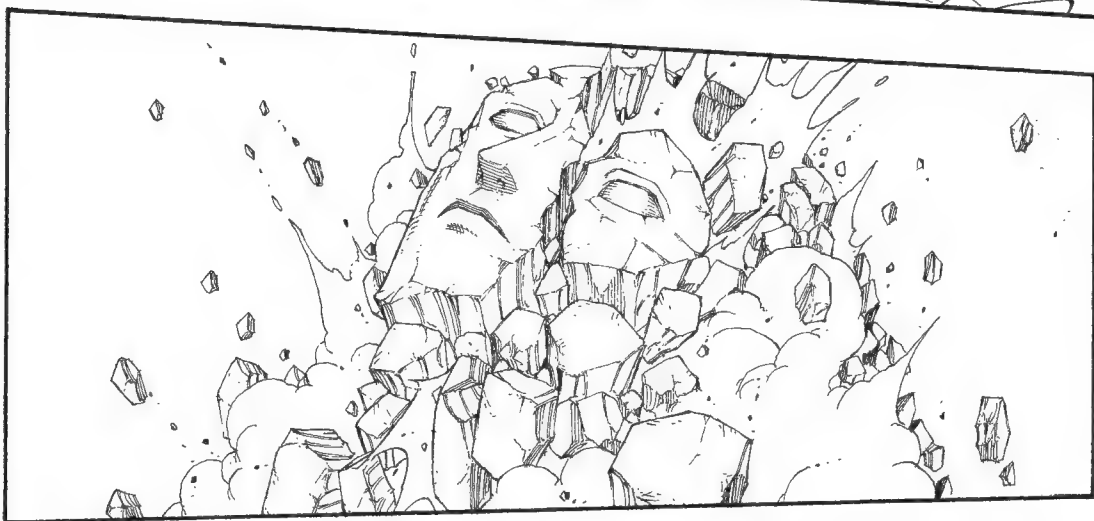


Whatever
you're doing,
it won't
work!

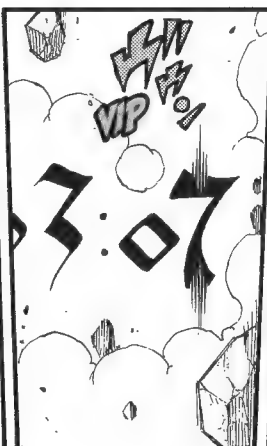
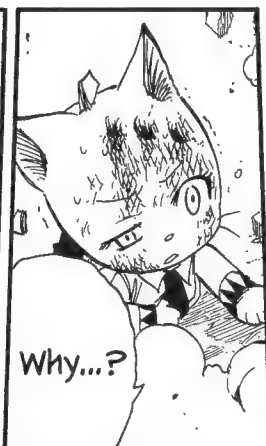
GYOOOM

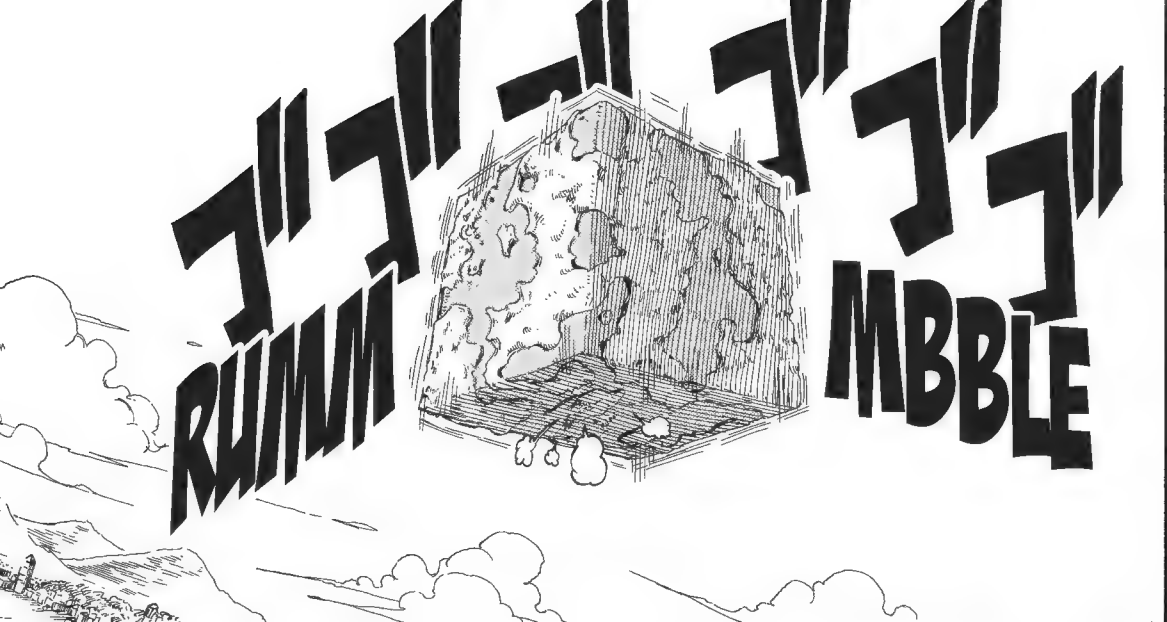












Looks like your friend
was too late... It seems
the end is nigh for the
age of magic!



WHOAH!

Urk!

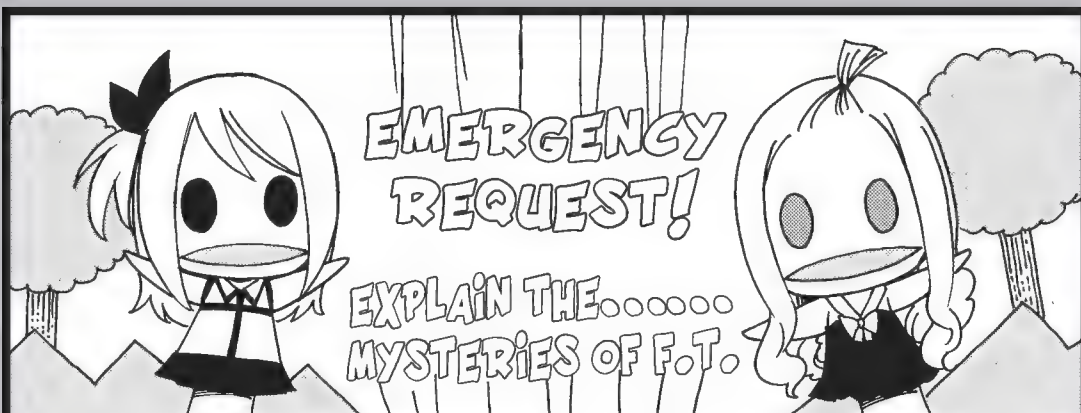


RUMBLE

What's
that?!



I'm so
sorry...



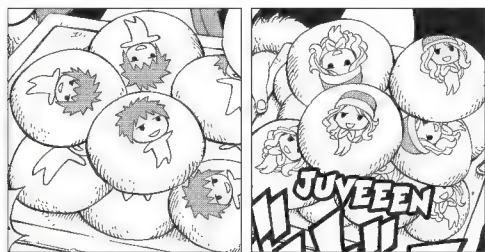
At a gym somewhere...


Lucy: Hey, everybody!! Hi there!!

Mira: Hello!! We only have one page this time, so let's get right to it!

Lucy: Right. First question.


What do Gray's Buns and JuviaBuns taste like?



 : They look delicious!

Lucy: Juvia's good at that stuff. She's got a lot of feminine power!

Mira: As for what they taste like, they must be filled with the *taste of love*, right?

 : Yeah, that tells me absolutely nothing.


Mira: Then the taste of life!


Lucy: Let's go to the next question.

In the founding photo for Fairy Tail (?) who is the guy over on the right?



Mira: We've heard a whole lot of guesswork from the readers on this one!

 : He looks sort of familiar.


 : It's Laxus!! Couldn't it be Laxus when he was younger?


 : No, no, no, no... This was taken 105 years ago.

Mira: Okay, the master when he was younger?

Lucy: I don't think the master was even born yet back then.

Mira: Then...

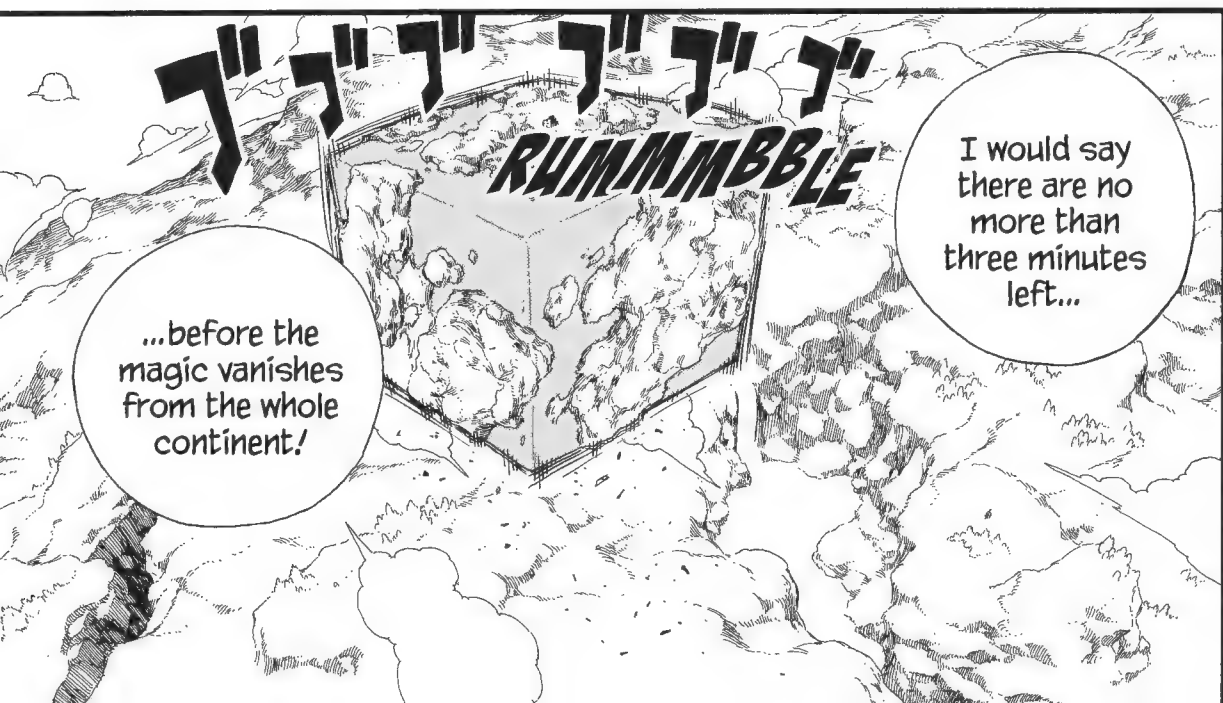
 You'll find the correct answer to that question in Fairy Tail Zero, a series running currently in Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine!

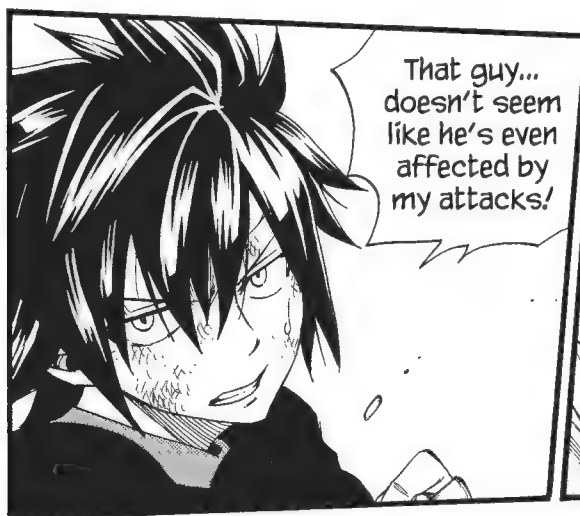
 : Wow! That was a really subtle advertisement, wasn't it?

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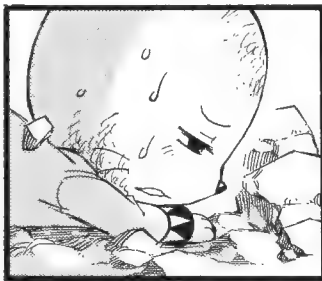
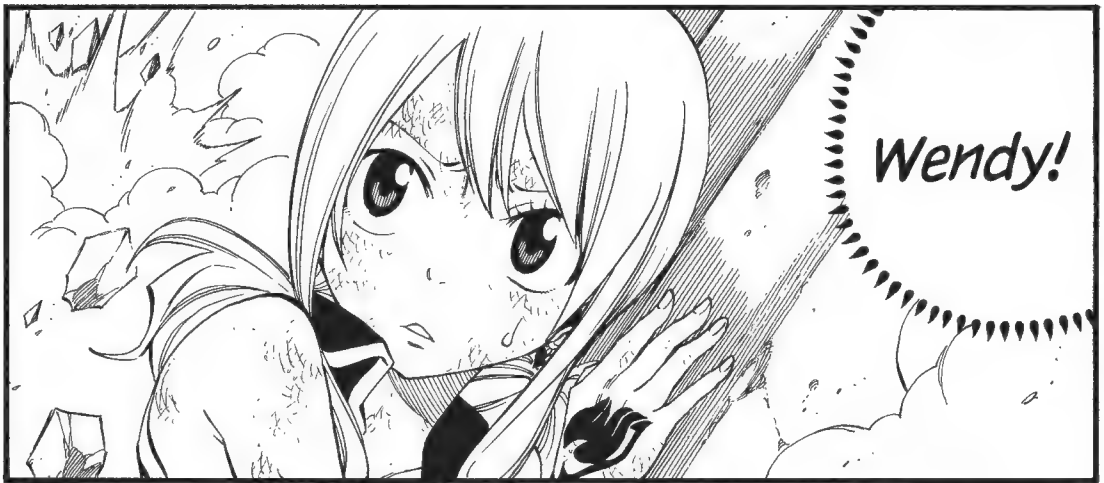
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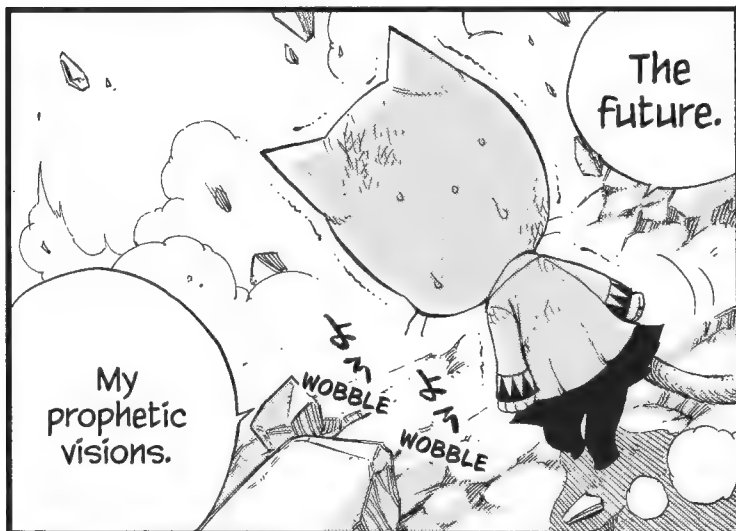
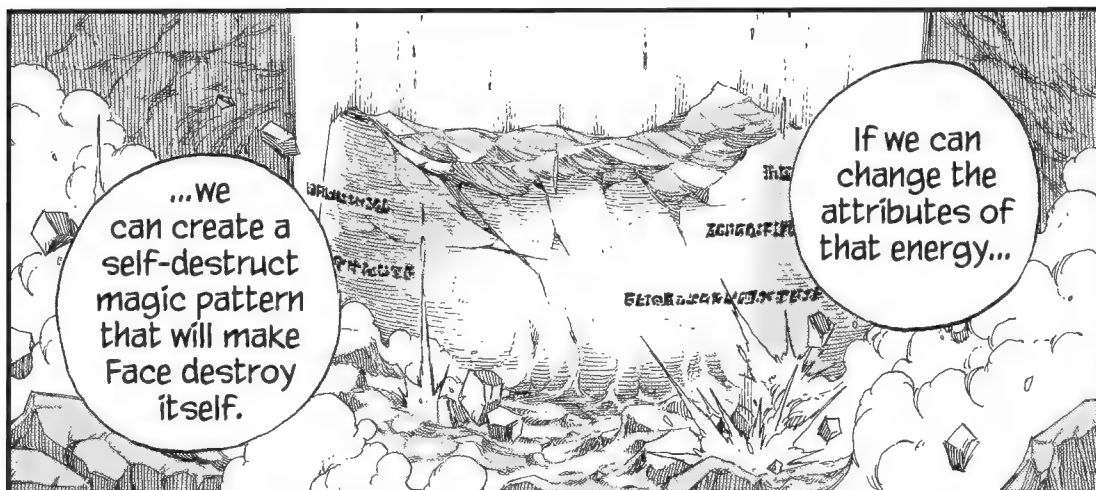


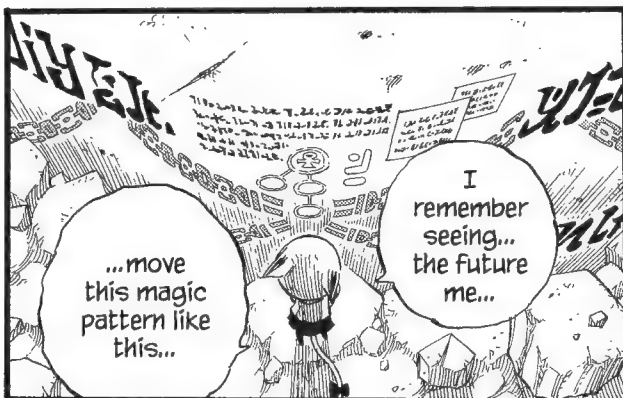
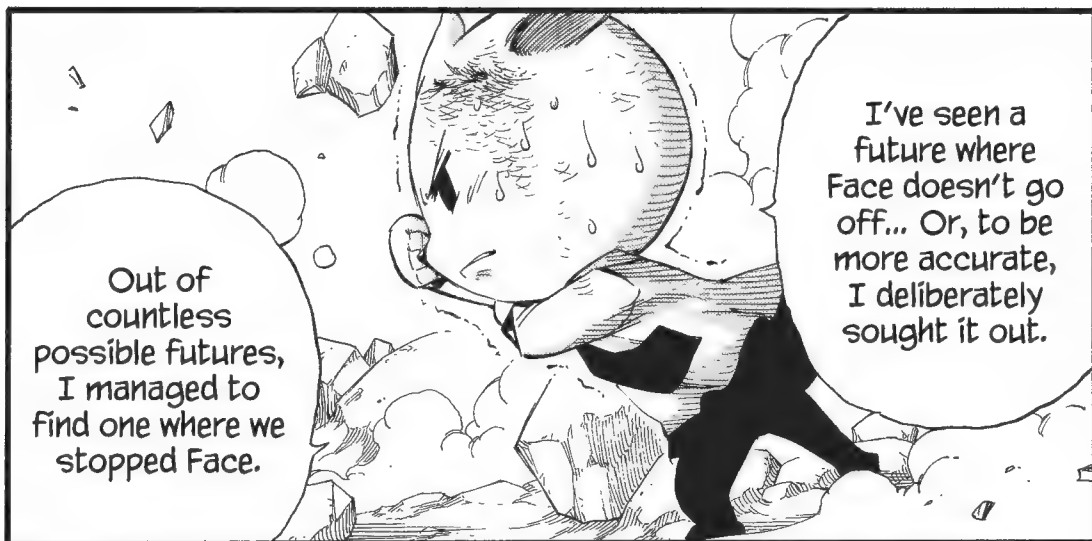


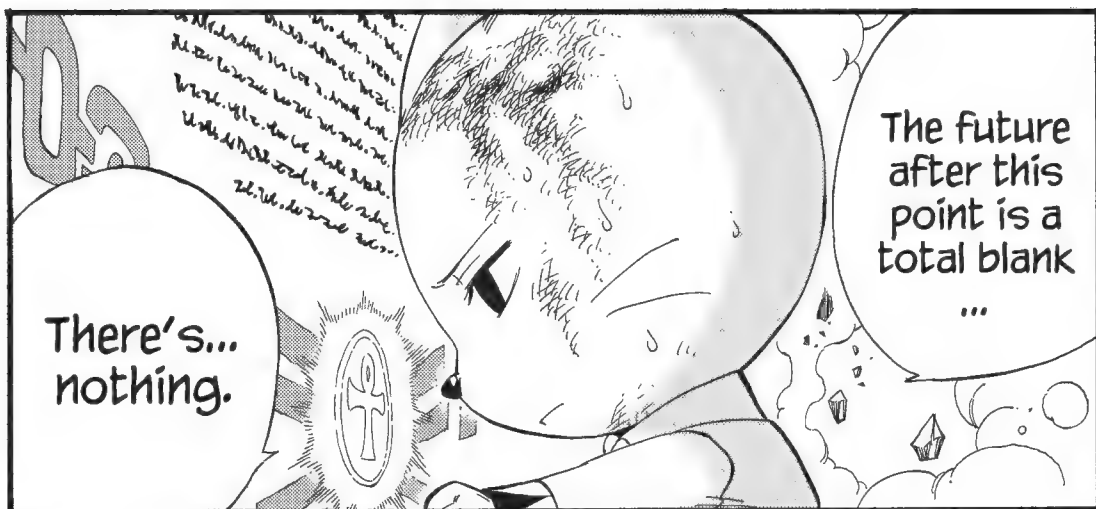






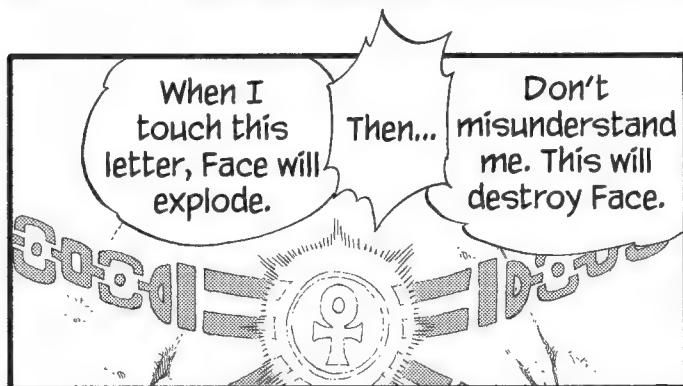






There's...
nothing.

The future
after this
point is a
total blank
...



When I
touch this
letter, Face will
explode.

Then...

Don't
misunderstand
me. This will
destroy Face.



What
does that
mean...?

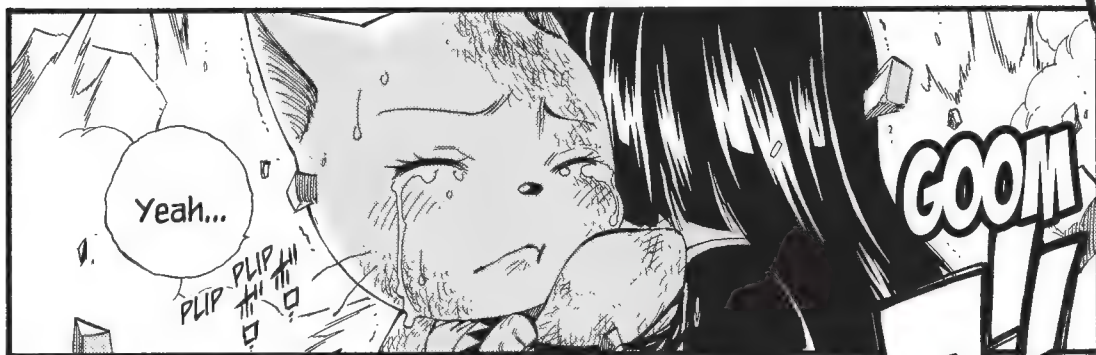


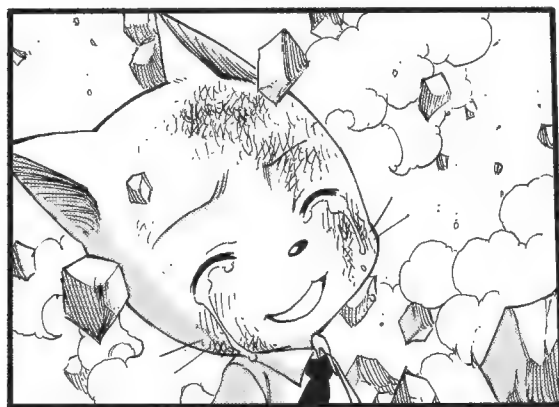
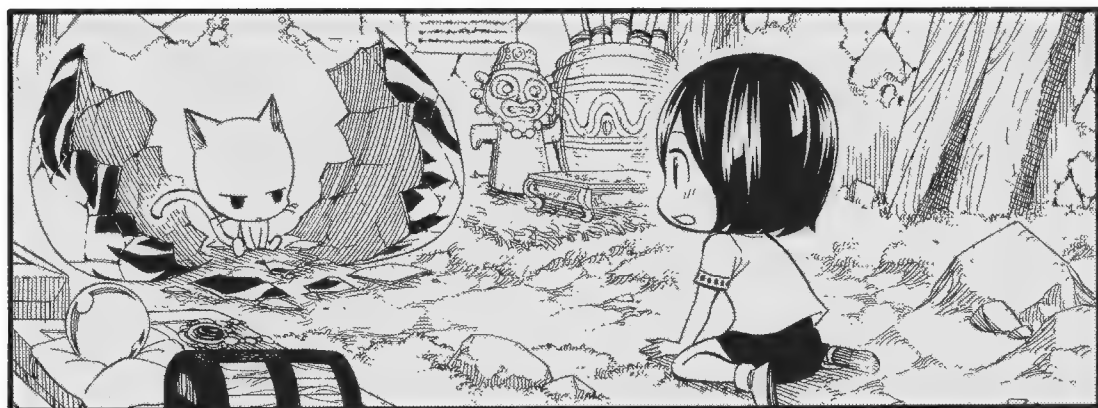
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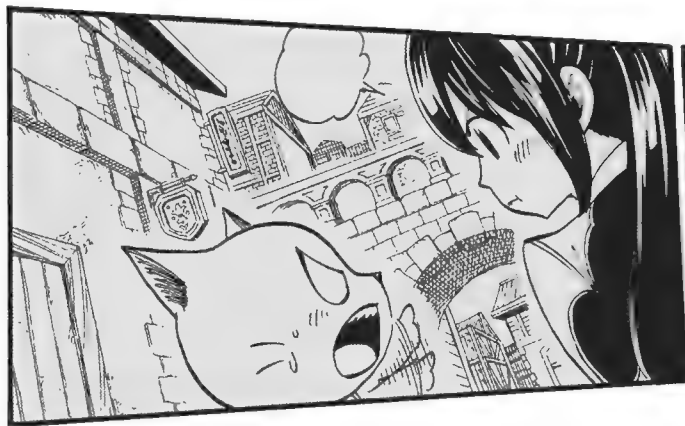
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is...







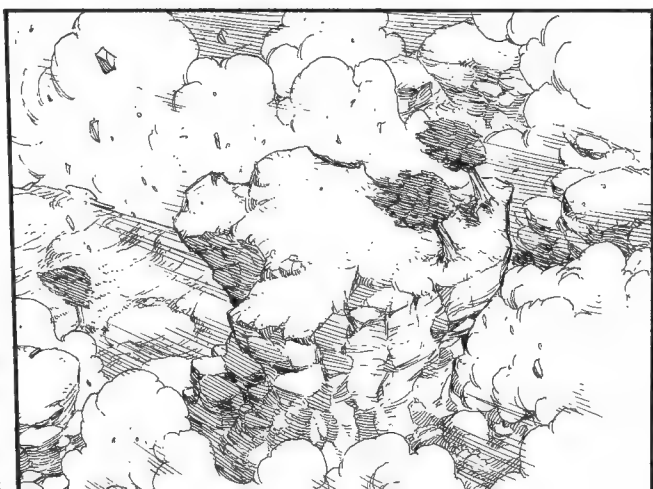














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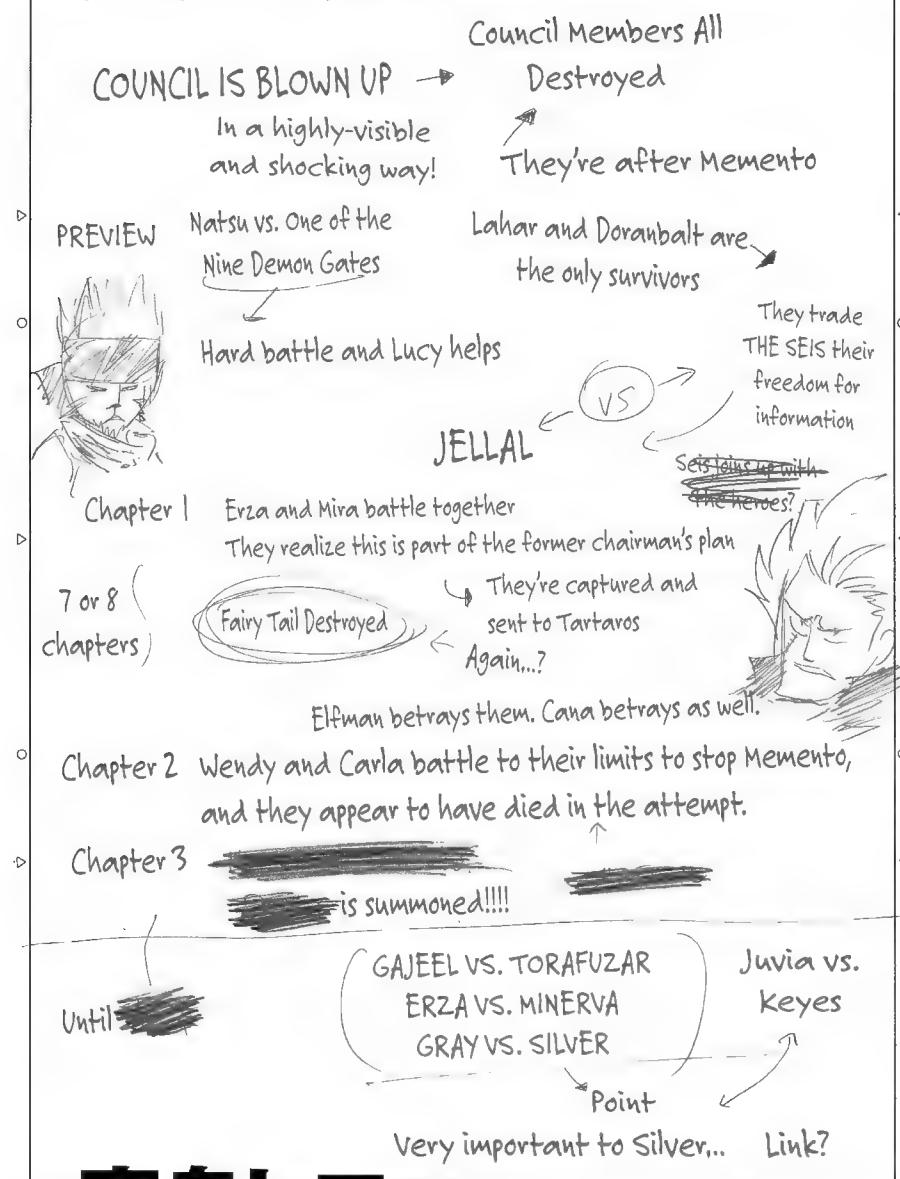
Big news!! The first Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine comes out the same day as this volume does in Japan!! Clap, clap, clap!! We call it a magazine, but actually it's a set with a DVD and a fan book, all for 2,759 yen! A new type of product that has never been sold before. The anime DVD includes four episodes of the TV series plus a specially edited bonus feature. The bonus feature has some anime scenes made just for this DVD. That's pretty amazing!!

And the fan book includes a brand-new manga series by me, Hiro Mashima, called Fairy Tail Zero, and it will run every month. As it's planned right now, Mavis is the main character, and it will include the events leading up to the founding of Fairy Tail. There's also a spinoff manga in the magazine featuring Gray. That manga will be a part of a new Fairy Tail world by our great manga hope, Yusuke Shirato!! He's a real worker, so much so that I can recommend him with confidence! You want more? On top of that, the fan book will also include interviews with the voice actors, character rundowns and analyses, and loads of other fun stuff!!

A very large group of people, all with love for Fairy Tail, have gathered to make wonderful DVDs and fan books for this project! So I'd like you all to please take Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine into your hearts!

Fairy Tail 44

TARTAROS ARC



真島ヒロ

This is the plot from the earliest conception.
 Actual names and events have been altered.

FROM HIRO NASHIMA



I went to Nagano Prefecture to have a signing as a part of the celebrations for Weekly Shonen Magazine's 55th Anniversary. It was my first visit back to my home area in a long time, and it was for a signing, so it was really a lot of fun for me. I saw some old classmates and a few school friends who graduated in other years too. Next will be Hokkaido. To tell the truth, this will be my first time setting foot on Hokkaido soil!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

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Cowbane Canyon

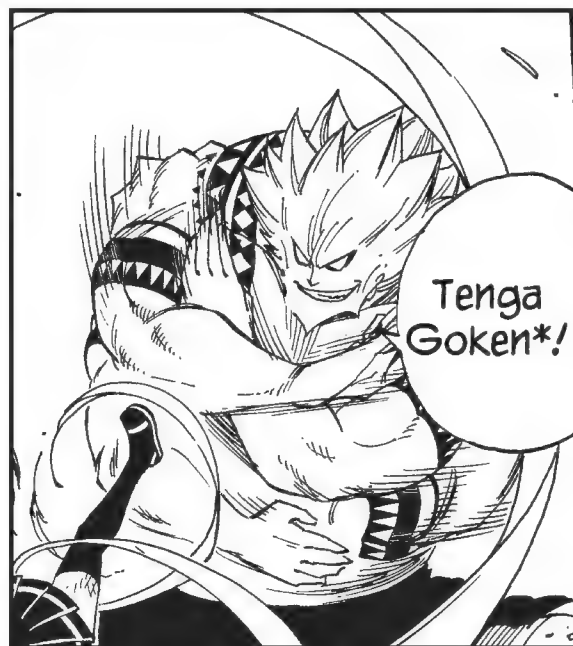
In the Japanese version, the canyon is called Dokuzeri, which is a type of *Cicuta* plant (water hemlock) called northern water hemlock, also known as cowbane in English. It might be called that because it is highly poisonous but may look to a cow like a normal edible plant.

Page 141,

Five Swords

Under Heaven

The *Tenga Goken*, also called the *Gomeiken* ("Five Famous Swords"), are five swords made by famous swordsmiths from the Heian Era, about a thousand years ago, until the Sengoku Era a little over 400 years ago. Most still exist and are considered national treasures. The five blades include Dōjigiri, Onimaru, Mikazuki Munechika, Ōtenta, and Juzumaru.



Page 141, Onimaru

One of the Five Swords Under Heaven, made by the sword master Kunitsuna. Legend has it that it belonged to Tokiyori Hojo, the fifth *shikken* (regent) of the Kamakura Shogunate. When a mysterious illness befell Tokiyori, the sword could tell that an evil spirit was conspiring with Tokiyori's *oni*-shaped hibachi stove. It leapt from its scabbard and struck down the hibachi, saving Tokiyori from his illness and earning itself the name Onimaru.



Page 143, Juzumaru

One of the Five Swords Under Heaven, made by the master swordsmith Tsunetsugu of the Bichu school of sword making (named for a region now mostly in Okayama Prefecture). Although it doesn't have quite as imaginative a name as Onimaru, Juzumaru is named after the Buddhist holy man Nichiren, founder of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism, who made his name by predicting the Mongol invasion and the "divine wind" that would wipe out most of the invading force. According to legend, Nichiren wore the Juzumaru sword and wrapped his rosary-like prayer beads (*juzu*) around it.

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